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COMPETENT LIAR AND THIEF

BROADSTAIRS BOY LOOTER

Described as a really brilliant liar with a wireless but a confirmed liar, Montague Eugene Skilton, 17-year-old Broadstairs boy, pleaded guilty at Deal Quarter Sessions last week to looting and housebreaking and stealing a wireless set and gramophone, value £30, from The Patch, Shrimpton Park-drive, Broadstairs, in March.

A statement made by Skilton to the police was read in which he said he broke into the house next door to that in which he lived. He sold the wireless set and broke up the gramophone. He admitted breaking into another house in the road and stealing another wireless set and asked that several other offences, chiefly thefts of wireless sets and accessories, should be taken into consideration.

D/C Self said when Skilton came to Ramsgate with his mother—a helpless cripple—last year he was employed by a firm of radio engineers but was stood off in May. From 6th July he was employed for a fortnight as an E.F.S. messenger but was discharged on medical grounds.

Postponing sentence until next sessions, the Recorder (Mr. T. Christmas Humphreys) said according to his behaviour in the meantime Skilton would be either bound over for two years or sent to Borstal for three years. Although only 17 he had proved himself a competent thief and liar. Had he been older he would have been sent to hard labour or penal servitude.

ARCHWAY OF AXES

PRETTY RAMSGATE WEDDING

Members of the Ramsgate N.F.S., in which she is serving, formed an archway of axes when Miss Barbara West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. West, of 11 Cecilia-road, was married at St. Ethelbert's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday.

The bridegroom was Ldg. Air Fitter Francis Gordon Darvell, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darvell, of Bognor-drive, Herne Bay, and formerly of Warten-road, Ramsgate. A member of the Fleet Air Arm, he has served on the Furious, Ark Royal and Argus.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown with veil and headdress of real carnations and white heather, and silver shoes. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and was attended by Miss Joan Betts, an N.F.S. telephonist, who was attired in a blue floral gown, with silver shoes and headdress of pink carnations. Her bouquet was of the same flowers.

The Rev. Father Bede Winslow, O.S.B., conducted the service, and Mr. Kenneth West, brother of the bride, was best man. Organ music was played by Mr. W. Westgop.

The bridal car was drawn from the church by members of the N.F.S.

The service was followed by a reception at the bride's home at which Col. Off. P. Pritchard, on behalf of the N.F.S., proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom.

In responding, the bridegroom turn proposed the bride's parents, whose 23rd wedding anniversary was on the previous day, and his own parents, who celebrated their 27th anniversary on that day.

After the reception the happy couple left for a honeymoon at Brighton, the bride's travelling attire consisting of a blue dress, with camel travelling coat and wine accessories.

They received 14 telegrams and many useful presents, among them being a cut glass salad bowl and servers from the bride's fellow telephonists, and another is to be given to her, on her return to duty, by the firemen.

Patriotic Crime

SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON

Stated by the defence to have stolen a typewriter "with the patriotic motive of becoming more actively employed in the country's service," Lce./Sgt. John Frederick George Simpkins aged 20, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Deal Quarter Sessions last week.

Simpkins pleaded guilty to stealing the typewriter, value £10, from The Crossways, Broadstairs.

It was stated that Simpkins despatched the typewriter by train but it disappeared in transit and never reached its destination.

In a statement Simpkins said he was tired of doing nothing and thought that if he got into trouble he would be sent abroad.

D/C Self, K.C.C., Broadstairs, said he was inclined to believe defendant's statement. His Army character was exemplary and he was described as a type they were reluctant to lose.

The Recorder (Mr. T. Christmas Humphreys) said he was sorry to have to send a man to prison for an offence, committed with excellent motives, against Army discipline, but he was not satisfied that if he passed the matter over it would not get round that men had only to make a nuisance of themselves to be sent abroad.

MR. C. S. BISHOP

DEATH AT BROADSTAIRS

One of the founder-members of the Broadstairs branch of the British Legion, Mr. George Stephen Bishop, of Alexandra-road, Broadstairs, passed away on Sunday at the age of 65 years.

He was well-known as an employee of Broadstairs Gas Co. and for about 20 years had been a member of the British Red Cross Society. He served in the last war.

Mr. Bishop, who leaves a widow and one son, is a brother of Mr. A. C. Bishop, D.S.M., M.S.M., a lower deck rating who held the unique distinction of being in charge of a destroyer in action. He died at Broadstairs in April.

The funeral will take place at St. Peter's to-morrow and will be preceded by a service at the house at 2 p.m.

SOLDIER SENTENCED

FORGERY AT RAMSGATE

Four cases of forgery at post offices in Ramsgate were taken into account when Gnr. William Stanley Tuer, R.A., was sentenced to two years' hard labour at Liverpool Quarter Sessions.

In addition to 13 cases at Liverpool, Tuer admitted 10 offences in London, eight in the Kent county area, four at Ramsgate, four at Canterbury, two in the Lincoln county area and one in Wiltshire.

The Ramsgate cases were of obtaining money by means of a forged instrument at Ramsgate head post office on 13th February, at Grange-road post office on 14th February, at St. Lawrence post office on the same day and at Margate-road post office on 25th February.

MENACE TO BABY'S HEALTH

GROSSLY NEGLECTED HOME

MAN AND WOMAN IN COURT

The deplorable conditions under which a man and woman and their 10-months-old baby were living, said to be as filthy as anything which could be found in the worst part of the slums of the East End of London, were described at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Horace Deveson and Kathleen Fasham, of 1 Strand-cottages, Cliffs End, Ramsgate, were summoned for neglecting their child, Janet Fasham, aged 10 months, in a manner likely to cause her unnecessary suffering or injury to health.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

Prosecuting on behalf of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Mr. E. C. Allfree said Deveson was a shepherd and the woman was the mother of his child. There were two other children but they were away. The neglect consisted of the filthy state of the cottage, which was as dirty as any to be found in the slums in the worst parts of the East End of London. No attempt appeared to have been made to keep the place clean. In the scullery was a good sink with running water but it was in a filthy, stinking condition, and the bedroom was just as bad. The bedding was stinking and rotten, dirty clothing was mixed up with the food, and there were flies everywhere. The conditions would be detrimental to the health of an adult, let alone a child. The case was considerably aggravated by the fact that in spite of warnings the woman had made no attempt to clean up the home. She simply made the excuse that she had no time. In spite of this she had found time to drink and lounge in a public-house, where she had been found.

Warnings Ignored.

Inspr. William Thomas Mathews, N.S.P.C.C., said when he first visited the cottage on 19th June he found it in a most disgusting condition. The kitchen was in a most filthy state and the smell was obnoxious. The sink was in a disgusting and stinking state and did not appear to have been used for some considerable time. It was surrounded by cobwebs 15 inches long. The bedroom was in a similar state and the mattress was disgusting and foul. By the condition of its flesh the baby appeared to be neglected. He advised the mother to take the child to the Infant Welfare Centre but she had not done so. When he asked the mother why she allowed the house to get into such a state she said "I have no time." He severely warned her that the conditions must be improved.

Witness said he again visited the cottage three weeks later but no attempt had been made to clean up the place. He asked the woman why she had neglected the baby, but I would do it when I have time." He again warned the defendant but there was still no improvement on the third visit. On a further visit on 1st August the conditions were the same as they were on the previous visits. Later the same day he saw Deveson in a public-house and witness told him he was rather surprised to find that he lived in such conditions with the baby. Deveson replied "I have not noticed anything wrong." Witness told him he had better go back and have a good look round. Deveson replied "I have been in a terrible state before and will see what can be done."

Did Not Try.

Asked if she wished to question the inspector, the woman defendant said "What he has said is right. I have not tried to keep the place clean. I am not disputing anything. I am not guilty of neglecting the baby, but I plead guilty to neglecting the house."

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): The two things are closely tied up together.

Corroborative evidence as to the state of the house was given by Miss Betty Wilson, Health Visitor, who said it was grossly neglected. She had visited the cottage a month to six weeks before the baby was born. No attempt had ever been made to clean it up. The place was filthy and uncovered with flies. The living-room was always filthy and in the winter-time there were usually half-way across the floor. The floors were unswept and there was neglect in every part of the cottage.

Similar evidence was given by Dr. J. V. Walker, Medical Officer of Health, who said in his opinion the living conditions were such as might cause unnecessary suffering to a child of ten months.

Deveson told the magistrates that the first time he received any complaint was from the inspector on 1st August and since then he had done his best to put things right. He had to be away from the house from first

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SHOPKEEPER'S NEGLIGENCE

SOLD MILK AT EXCESS PRICE

A Ramsgate woman trader who admitted selling a tin of condensed milk at a price in excess of the Maximum Prices Order was fined £2 at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

In a letter to the court defendant, Edith May Hodgman, of Addington-street, wrote "I admit my gross negligence in reading neither my invoice nor the Maximum Prices list." She added that when an inspector pointed out her mistake she offered to refund the overcharge but he would not let her do so.

Defendant added that she had been in business on her own for 14 years. The number of tins of milk she sold was five and the total overcharge 1½d. She felt the summons was very harsh. She would do everything in her power not to repeat the offence.

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), who prosecuted on behalf of the Food Control Committee, said the maximum price for the tin of milk sold by defendant was 11½d. and she charged 1s. 1d.—an overcharge of 1½d. In the letter which had been read the defendant suggested it was a trivial case. He had been asked by the Ministry of Food to state that it was inevitable in cases of overcharging that only small amounts were involved. To put it at its worst—and he was not suggesting it in this case —a shopkeeper could not get away with it if he attempted to charge a price considerably in excess of the maximum.

If a shopkeeper had a hundred customers, said Mr. Curtis, and on a particular article he charged a penny extra regularly he might find it worth his while. The point the Ministry of Food took was that of the consumer. If a housewife was charged 1½d. extra on milk, a penny on this and a penny on that it would amount to shillings and not pennies on essential foods, but it was allowed to go unchecked the efforts of the Government through the Ministry of Food to keep the cost of living down to a reasonable level was frustrated and it was from that aspect that the Ministry brought cases before courts. The Local Food Office and the inspectors were there to help the small shopkeeper.

No Excuse.

In the case before the bench, continued Mr. Curtis, the Local Food Control Committee felt there was no excuse for the overcharge. In the schedule the prices of the various types of condensed milk were clearly set out. The manufacturers helped by setting out on the tin the price of milk which it contained and the suppliers further helped by stating the maximum retail price on the invoice. An invoice received by defendant showed that she received half a dozen tins of milk the maximum price for which was 11½d. a tin. Defendant told the inspector that she confused the milk on the tin of Nestle's milk. But the charge made by defendant of 1s. 1d. was even higher than that permitted for the highest grade of milk, which was 1s. 0½d. The order to keep all tinned milk had been in operation for two years.

Evidence of buying the milk was given by Miss Nellie Gerrard, a clerk in the Local Food Office.

Mr. Thomas Leslie Martin, Enforcement Inspector, said Miss Hodgman agreed that she charged 1s. 1d. for the tin of milk. When told she would be reported she said "I think I should have been cautioned. I thought it was the same as Nestle's." Witness pointed out to her that the maximum price for Nestle's milk was 1s. 0½d. He asked her if she had the invoice in which case it had gone for salvage. Later she produced an invoice dated 8th June and pointing to an item of half a tin of milk at a maximum price of 11½d. said "These must be the tins."

Announcing a fine of £2, the Chairman (Mr. C. P. Hartley) said the bench took a serious view of the case.

"Stories spreading ill-will cannot start in widely separated places by accident. There is really no better way of playing Dr. Goebbels' satanic game than by repeating them."—Sir Edward Grigg, M.P.

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thing in the morning until late in the night. His wages were £2 3s. 6d. a week and he paid 5s. a week rent.

Hard-Working Man.

Reginald Gardner, licensee of the Sportsman Inn, said he knew nothing about the state of the cottage but Deveson was a hard-working man and thoroughly clean in himself.

Asked if she had anything to say the woman defendant said "I will do it. I have not kept the house clean. Everything the witnesses have said is true. Just lately I have made no difference in the house as I have thoroughly cleaned it out."

The Clerk: What have you been doing with only one child to look after?

Fasham: Chiefly I have done nothing. I was so fed up with it I did not bother to clean the house.

You offer no excuse?—No, I offer no excuse.

Deveson said he knew nothing about these warnings until 1st August. Did you not tell him?—No, he left me enough to do with his work without me.

Addressing Fasham, the Chairman (Mr. C. P. Hartley) said the magistrates had been in two minds as to whether to send her to prison. They had decided to adjourn the case for a month and if there was not an improvement in the meantime she would go to prison.

Deveson, said the Chairman, was not as guilty as the woman, but in his spare time he had better look after his house.

CHILDREN SACRIFICED

ON ALTAR OF WOMAN'S PLEASURE

MOTHER THREATENED WITH PRISON

"This is the case of a woman who is evidently sacrificing her children on the altar of her own pleasure, which she seeks to find in pictures, public-houses and prostitution."

An attractive and well-dressed young married woman heard this accusation levelled against her at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

She was Mrs. Grace Casey, of West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, and she pleaded guilty to neglecting, alleging that she had neglected her children, Patricia, aged two and David, aged one, in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering.

Mr. E. C. Allfree, who prosecuted on behalf of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said the defendant's husband was serving in the Forces. It was a sad case, and in the opinion of the society he represented, a bad case.

After making use of the words quoted above, Mr. Allfree said defendant had been seen to leave the children alone in the house for many hours, sometimes she returned late at night, sometimes early in the morning and at other times not until the following morning. She had been seen to return home in the company of soldiers and sailors, and soldiers and sailors had been seen to leave her house early in the morning.

Regrettable Thing.

While defendant was out, said Mr. Allfree, the two small children were left entirely alone. The baby had been heard crying hour after hour by the next-door neighbour and there was no one there to comfort it. Even after the air raid sirens had sounded the children were left to look after themselves and no one there to help them if anything untoward happened. Defendant considered solely her own pleasures and frequented public-houses with men.

It was perfectly obvious the sort of life this woman is leading," said Mr. Allfree. "The fact that an Englishwoman, in these days when there is so much suffering in the world, should cause her children unnecessary suffering is a most astounding and regrettable thing. She seems to be perfectly unmindful of the trust which has been imposed upon her."

Inspr. William Thomas Mathews, N.S.P.C.C., said he first visited the house on 19th June and in view of information he had received he had a talk with Mrs. Casey. Although she kept the whole of the house she occupied only one room. Defendant's own bed was fairly comfortable but the baby's cot was most unsatisfactory and in a filthy condition. There was an obnoxious smell in the room.

Midnight Visit.

Continuing, Inspr. Mathews said he had kept observation on the house on a number of nights. On 25th July he kept observation from 9.30 until 10.30 p.m., when defendant returned home with a soldier. On 27th July he kept observation in the grounds of The Haven and at 10.50 p.m. Mrs. Casey and a Miss Shepherd came up with two sailors. Just after a church clock had struck 12, Miss Shepherd went, leaving Mrs. Casey with the two sailors. They were still there at 12.40 a.m. but when witness returned after going home for a cup of coffee they had gone. The following morning he saw Mrs. Casey but when he put to her what he had seen she denied it. When he pointed out that the children had been left alone she said it would probably be better if she took them with her in charge of another child, aged 10.

Mr. Maurice John Lyons, a senior Inspector, gave corroborative evidence of the absences of Mrs. Casey from her home.

Sailor's Visit.

Defendant told the magistrates that on the night she met the two sailors she left them at the West Cliff went in by the back way. She did not always leave the children alone. Sometimes she had sometimes to look after them.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): Why do you go out at night?

Defendant: I don't know.

Called by defendant to give evidence on her behalf, Miss Doris Shepherd, of Liverpool-lawn, Ramsgate, said Mrs. Casey had been out and left her children alone sometimes when witness had gone and looked after them. Recently when Mrs. Casey was ill, witness cooked her meals for a week. She did not think the baby's cot was as clean as it should have been. Mrs. Casey's bed was very clean, as witness had slept in it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Allfree, Miss Shepherd admitted her mother had warned her about going out with Mrs. Casey. She remembered going to the house one night for some clothes and saw a sailor in Mrs. Casey's bed. His head was covered up with an eiderdown but his hat was on the table.

Mrs. Casey said the sailor had his uniform on and got into bed "for fun."

Mrs. Casey added that her husband was in the Army and came home most week-ends.

The Chairman (Mr. C. P. Hartley) said the magistrates looked on the case as a very serious one. "We have decided to give you a little more time to put your house in order," he said, "and will adjourn the case for a month. In the meantime you will be visited by the inspector. You must alter your habits and if there is no improvement in a month's time you will go to prison."

SQUEEZED OUT

PLEA FOR THE LITTLE MAN

CAPT. BALFOUR AT MARGATE

A system which gives play to individual enterprise but at the same time obviates extremes of poverty or riches was envisaged by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, at Margate on Saturday.

Capt. Balfour was speaking at the opening of the new Margate Savings Centre in Cecil-square.

There was a danger, said Capt. Balfour, that the "little man" of England—the small shopkeeper, the blackcoated worker, the professional man—would be submerged in the waves of change now going on in our social system.

"The middle class are feeling the shoe pinch acutely," he said. "The toe bursts from high taxation and the heel is worn low by high prices."

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A. W. Thomson) welcoming Capt. Balfour, said the opening ceremony was coupled with what he considered the most important thing going on in England to-day—the collection of the people's small savings. "We say to you, the people of Margate," he said, "to take a real interest in this matter. It is your centre, and we want to give you all the stamps and other things you require in connection with your savings. We want you to make it a home.

"We have a very high target," said the Deputy Mayor. "We always put a high target for Margate, because we always reach it and more. But this time we are disappointed: you have not risen to the occasion as we expected. Unless you put your backs into it you will not reach the target for these ten weeks, which I am sure you could."

Chancellor's Message.

Capt. Balfour said he had told the Chancellor of the Exchequer that he was going to open the new savings centre, and the Chancellor had sent him a note in return, saying the people of Thanet had a proud record during the war and their achievements in the matter of savings were worthy of their devotion. "I know I can rely upon the people of Thanet," the message continued, "to back up our fighting men with war savings. I send my best wishes for the new centre."

War savings groups in Margate had been on the increase, said Capt. Balfour. There were now 79 street groups, and there had been 17 new groups in 1942, and he stressed that it was all done by voluntary help. "I take off my hat to those who have organised voluntary savings," he said, "and to those who have saved." He referred to the fact that during the current ten weeks they were aiming to save in the borough 30 per cent. more than in the corresponding period last year.

Times were grave, said Capt. Balfour, and the need was for action rather than for speeches. They wanted material support for the men who were fighting, and that could only come from the voluntary efforts of those citizens who were contributing so splendidly to the war savings movement. He thought it marvellous that in the district of England which he considered so hard hit—probably more hard hit economically than any other part of England—the spirit of achievement could be so high.

Plea for Little Man.

"I think it is time," he remarked, "that we thought for a moment about the economic future of this particular area. I want to-day to put this

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thought into your minds, which is peculiarly appropriate to Thanet, a plea for the little man of England—the small shopkeeper, the blackcoated worker, the professional man. He is playing his part wisely and grandly in our war effort. He has been labelled 'the backbone of England,' yet he is in danger to-day of being submerged under the waves of change now going on in our social system.

"Before the war he had a hard time: now he is having an even harder one—worse than almost any other section of the community—and so far I have not read in the public utterances of our many and varied planners of the after-war world anything which looks like being much of a concern to him for the future.

"He and his family have had to change the shape of their lives; see their sons drafted away; and abandon hopes for themselves and their children. At the same time there are millions who, since the war, have brought continuous work and at higher rates than ever before. These rewards are well deserved and overdue, but the fact remains that one large part of the community is relatively worse off than before the war, while the great middle class—these black-coated workers—are feeling the shoe pinch acutely. The toe bursts from high taxation and the heel is worn low by high prices."

Different Problem.

Continuing, Capt. Balfour referred to the fact that in the post-war world industry was to have as its first charge a decent standard of life for all engaged therein. But "the little man" could not be dealt with like some great section of industrial life. They were mostly small, scattered human units—centres of their family —supporters of local institutions, patriotic, loyal and upright; they could not be organised into one great union.

"They were the powerless citizens in danger of being squeezed out in the process of bringing together the distribution of wealth and the standard of wages for workers. They can only look to an understanding Government for the preservation of their legitimate interests," declared the Member. "They have played their part to the full in war, and we must not forget them in peace. It is their stubborn individualism that has been of immense value in building up our world reputation. We shall need this for the re-building."

Capt. Balfour said that self-appointed planners of post-war world appeared to want to forget or crush this British national characteristic of independence of mind, likely to direct his own life with the greatest possible freedom, and an instinctive dislike of being over-disciplined, over-regimented and over-disciplined. "Sometimes," he said, "these planners appear to think they are working on human material and not a lot of docile sheep who can be pushed in flocks this way or that way."

Equal Chance For All.

"Surely," said Capt. Balfour, "we can forge a system which gives play to individual enterprise and not be inconsistent with an order of society which allows no extremes of poverty or riches at either end of the scale. Surely we can evolve a system which gives individual rewards and security for individual adventure, and this is not inconsistent with a system of equal chance for all.

"Surely we can develop a system which does not confuse State control and supervision of industrial life for the general good of the community with State-run enterprise. Surely discipline and orderliness need not imply bureaucracy and official snooping into everyone's work, recreation, home and occupation.

"Surely we can be proud of a system which will recognise that great patriotism need not be something incompatible with the new International Order. It is thus that we can rebuild a virile, happy and just State."

Margate, he said, had always had done well in the past on individualism and individual ownership and enterprise, and he knew of the hard struggles that were going on in the borough in that direction in order to carry on, to keep the family show going.

Concluding, he observed "I am absolutely sure in my bones that victory is coming, that it is inevitable. I have never doubted it. I don't doubt it now. Of course, we shall make mistakes; but we are fighting in the big things, we have something to fight for in this country that the other people have not got. In the long run—some what may on the way of trials—I am sure of that final result."

Thanks to Capt. Balfour on behalf of the Margate Savings Committee were expressed by Councillor H. G. Pedder.

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21	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	13/-
24	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	12/-	15/-
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MINSTER

Instead of Woollies.—Owing to the difficulty of obtaining wool, parcels sent by Minster and Monkton Forces Comforts Fund Committee to local men on service will in future contains postal orders for half-a-crown instead of a knitted garment. So far 29 parcels have been despatched to 44 men and there is a balance of £23 5s. 9d.

LORD HARRIS' VISIT TO S.J.A.B.

The Commissioner of the Duke of Connaught's District, County of Kent, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Capt. the Lord Harris, M.C., J.P., is to inspect the Ramsgate division on Saturday.

All members able to do so should parade in review order in Cavendish-street at 5.45 p.m.

THEY BOMBED GERMANY

GALLANT OFFICERS DECORATED

Two R.A.F. officers, both of whom have close associations with Margate, have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

His exploits over Germany have earned the award for Wg. Cdr. Kenneth James Mellor, No. 150 Squadron, who was born in Margate in 1915. He was commissioned in 1934 and served in Iraq in 1935 and the following years.

The citation of the award states:

"This officer is an exceptional leader whose skill and devotion to duty have set an extremely high standard. He has acted as captain of aircraft on numerous operational sorties, during which important targets have been attacked both in Germany and German-occupied territory. He is an excellent worker and has contributed materially to the repeated successes of his squadron."

A grandson of the late Mrs. M. S. Hatfield, of Harstdown, a former Mayor of Margate, Flg. Off. David John Hatfield Maltby, R.A.F.V.R., has received a similar award. Flg. Off. Maltby, who is 29 years of age, enlisted in 1940 and was commissioned in January, 1941.

The citation states:

"As captain of aircraft, Flg. Off. Maltby has set and maintained an extremely high standard of efficiency. He has taken part in sorties covering a wide variety of important enemy targets such as Mannheim, Duisburg, Warnemunde, Kiel and others. On one occasion he was specially detailed to perform a very important mining operation in adverse weather. The conditions were such that only by his great skill and determination was he able to complete the mission successfully. He has set a very fine example."

Flg. Off. Maltby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Maltby, son-in-law and second daughter of the late Mrs. Hatfield. He recently married Miss Goodson, of Ash.

DIED IN TUNNEL

OLD LADY'S SUDDEN PASSING

The death occurred suddenly in the Townley Castle section of the Ramsgate tunnel shelters on Tuesday night of Miss Ellen Sarah Taylor, of 9 Alma-road, Ramsgate.

Miss Taylor, who was 69 years of age, had lived alone for the past 14 years and had been in poor health for some time.

She was taken seriously ill while lying in her bunk in the tunnel shortly after 11 o'clock on Tuesday evening and passed away a few minutes later. Dr. J. V. Walker was summoned and pronounced life extinct.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was not considered necessary.

APATHY TOWARDS RATS

DANGER OF INFESTATION

The people of south-eastern England are apathetic towards the war on rats, according to Mr. R. J. Wilkinson, of the Ministry of Food, Divisional Headquarters, Tunbridge Wells.

Speaking at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Thursday, during the showing of a Ministry of Information film dealing with the dangers of rat infestation, Mr. Wilkinson said it a man saw a rat on his premises he decided it belonged to the people next door and took no action. There is no disgrace to have a rat on the premises—the disgrace was in failing to take action. He was sure there must be a lot of rats in the derelict houses of Ramsgate.

Councillor J. Martin said the trouble in Ramsgate was not that the rats were not dealt with when notified but that information was not given to the authorities.

Alderman W. Hawkins said he had heard of a case locally of rats attacking potatoes, and the Harbour Master (Lt.-Cdr. J. Hall) was anxious to know why, when penalties were imposed in the case of ships infesting harbours with rats, such penalties had not taken against people who allowed rats to breed on their land.

Mr. Wilkinson replied that if rats were known to be infesting premises and the owner did nothing about it the authorities could step in and the owner would be called upon to meet the cost.

Alderman T. W. Mockridge, thanking the lecturer, said he thought local people should know more about the rat menace. They knew there must be a lot of rats and mice in Ramsgate.

"If the Germans invaded this country we should be treated with a brutality the like of which has never been known in history. The barbarities of old were gentle people in comparison with the Nazis."—Mr Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

IN THE KNOW

by

LESLIE BERESFORD

The Passmores did not usually bicker over breakfast. Indeed, with barely as yet a year of matrimony behind them, it was scarcely to be expected.

This morning, however, just as dull morning in the summer of 1938, the atmosphere had become electric. And to John Passmore, at least, this wholly unforeseen upheaval seemed to have arisen from so simple a cause as to seem both needless and in very bad taste.

"All this stupid fuss, my dear Mabel"—hastily—"I mean, just because—being so much 'in the know' as I am over such matters—I've been urging you to let me invest your maiden aunt's little legacy in shares which would double and more likely treble your money in no time, I suppose, I do have some say about it?"

"I know all about that, John," his wife said, quite meekly but also quite firmly, adding, "And, as I've told you, we don't really feel like wanting to do it.

"After all——" she continued, not at all lessening the tension between them, "——it does happen to be my money, doesn't it? And, I suppose, I do have some say about it?"

Looking back, as one does in such crises, Passmore knew that he had never had entirely liked the will her aunt had made leaving her some four hundred odd pounds. But he had considered it unnecessary at the time, he himself being well able to support his wife.

Then, when Aunt Jane's executor of the will were made known to her, Mabel's attitude towards him had undergone a change of almost greater independence than before. At this moment he was able to bring back to mind instances of that, though this was the first time he had attached any meaning to them.

Her suddenly sharp voice to a note of rather sad admonition, as if scolding a wayward child.

"Surely you have all the say, my dear. You must know quite well that anything I might say about your investments is only advisory. I am only now asking you who will benefit if you follow my advice and invest, every penny of it, because it will be both a safe and profitable investment? Can't you see that it will be all to your own—and my—advantage?"

"Supposing I just don't want any advantages, John?" she shrugged, obviously unrepentant. "Supposing I rather like pensing it into the bank, every time I go shopping, and say to myself—there's all your money lying there, Mabel—safe and sound, that's how I feel about it."

"Safe and sound?" he echoed with a fine scorn, and laughed. "It may be that all right, I agree. But—oh, why won't you see my point, Mabel?"

"Because I don't," she said, with a sudden flare of temper. "Because people who don't think in the same silly, unimaginative way you do, but rather keep their heads down—like someone nice and well-informed to advise them, can make big money, I'll be sure, with some of your money," he went on, "you surely don't doubt it would be just as safe with me as in the bank?"

"It's such a horrid-sounding name, John."

"Don't be so childish, Mabel! Kratz, let me tell you again, is of American origin and a broker of repute. I would like you to notice the name of his, at the bottom of a cheque, isn't worth at least a quarter of a million. He——"

"However—it doesn't weigh with you that I know what I'm talking about, or that I've met one or two sorts of fools when I tell Kratz to-day that my wife doesn't trust him——"

"It's not that, John, I don't know it!" she stopped the emotional stream of his anger with anger of her own. "It's just that, I don't want to know it!" she stopped the emotional stream of his anger with anger of her own. "It's just that, I don't want to know it intend to do what I like. And at the minute I like to think of that money safe in the bank. I'll use some of both of us if it's needed. In these days, with no one quite knowing what's happening next——"

"I can tell you one thing that never will happen, Mabel!" he stormed, making for the door. "I'll never use a penny of your money under any circumstances, so—you needn't flatter yourself on that one just as you feel about your—wretched money! I made a perfectly ghastly mistake, I can see now, in trying to do you a good turn, as any husband should!"

First Quarrel.

And then he did what no nice husband should—he was so upset. He thrust himself into his overcoat, slammed his hat recklessly over his sleekly-brushed hair and left the house—without kissing his wife and giving good-bye to her.

When he reached the office, Passmore had not recovered from the shock of his first quarrel. His mind filled with remorse, and his one idea was to put himself right with her, even though he still maintained that she was behaving with unbelievable idiocy over that money.

Actually, he walked into the little room which he shared with the chief accountant, his colleague was on the telephone, receiving his wife that she had forgotten to give him the order he had to leave at the Stores. And there again Passmore had been upset by this blunder, and his one idea was to put himself right with her, even though he still maintained that she was behaving with unbelievable idiocy over that money.

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Time and again Mabel had hinted that a telephone in the house would be a blessing, and he had spurned the idea. Down, when a man spent his day in the office eternally haunted by that shrilling bell, he had argued, was it likely he'd instal such a torment in his own home for the amusement of the thing? And, though Mabel had pointed out that it might be useful to her if not amusing to him, she had not gained her end.

So, without sending her a wire, which was unknown to him, by the way of thinking, matrimonial peace could not be restored till his evening return home. He set down for his day's work in no happy mood. Nor did the morning's events improve his state of mind.

On the contrary, towards noon, the general manager sent for him. Passmore knew only too well—there was a big business which international affairs had ubset. Staff cuts had been frankly foreshadowed for some time past, though Passmore had seemingly good reasons for believing that, far from adversely affecting him, this might even bring him promotion.

He was disillusioned now, both to his surprise and horror. He came from the general manager's room under notice, victim of an economy axe, though admittedly he had an alternative of accepting a post at one of the firm's country branches at a far smaller salary.

Well, that—even more than Mabel's breakfast mutiny—hurt his pride tremendously. He had been so convinced of his own worth to the firm, and so banked on it, boasted of it, that this rebuff left him staggering. It certainly was he told the chief accountant, his unlucky day, and the other responded drily:

"These are unlucky times, Passmore, and—however much in the know you think you are—it's never wise to be too cocksure, as you've just now take what's offered, if you ask me, and be content."

What John Passmore took, first of all, was an afternoon off. He had asked for it, to think this thing over. He found himself wondering what Mabel would say about his news, and that reminded him that he had to look in on Kratz over the embarrassing delay on his part in producing Mabel's money to participate in the "great opportunity" which Kratz had so kindly offered him.

And here, when he walked into the quite sumptuously-furnished outer-office, not relishing having to turn down his broker's generous offer, he suffered still further shock. He found several people gathered there, all in an obvious state of agitation. Behind one of the usual receptionists, a burly man was seeking to soothe them in a bluff voice.

"No good getting excited!" he was saying. "All I can tell you is that Mr. Kratz isn't here, and isn't likely to show up here any more, either, he having doubtless got wind of the fact—like you have—that there's a warrant out for his arrest."

John Passmore felt a cold chill run down his spine as he suddenly realised how, for the second time in that day, he had been unexpectedly proved not nearly so much in the know as he had fondly believed. Even now he could scarcely believe he had heard aright, his information as to the reliability of Kratz having been from such apparently good sources, and other circumstances in their acquaintance seeming to have proved the broker above all possible suspicion.

One of the Lucky Few.

It was not till the burly man, noticing him to be hovering in the background, enquired sympathetically if he too was one of those with claims against Kratz, that Passmore understood to the full the narrowness of his escape.

"Then you're one of the few lucky ones!" the man chuckled, when Passmore had said he was at no loss. "I'm glad to hear it, though, to-day anyhow, with all he could lay his hands on. And it wasn't much, I can tell you. He was pretty well at the end of his tether."

At least, Passmore reminded himself as he made his way downstairs, the swindler's chances of robbing his wife and him had fortunately been prevented by what appeared to have been a wise obstinacy. He sat in the train, feeling hot with remorse and unburdened—he was he had accused her of being stupid and unimaginative.

He was not the sort of man to refuse to admit that he had been in the wrong. He made the last stage of his homeward journey determined to clear the decks with Mabel right away, so soon as he reached home. It did not however, have to wait so long.

"Why, whatever brings you back so early in the afternoon, John?" was his wife's greeting.

He was as determined in surrender as in dominant will.

"My habit of being too much in the know, in more ways than one!" he admitted frankly and humbly. "First of all—the firm's let me down over this reorganisation business——"

"That's all right, John!" She had guessed what that meant. Her fingers had a reassuring touch on his arm. Her laugh was infectiously hopeful. "I never have liked your firm, and —there are better ones."

"And then," he went on, "I was all in the wrong too this morning, Mabel. Over that money business of yours, I mean——"

Again the pressure of her fingers had a soothing effect. But she wasn't helping now.

"It takes two to make a quarrel, John, doesn't it? I was in the wrong too, as I see that, and—and I'm not swinging out of the front door, without even saying good-bye—a thing I never known you do before, John!"

"It's a thing I'll never do again!" he said positively, and then—in sheer exultation—plunged into his greater and more vital confession.

"Also, Mabel, I was dead wrong trying to persuade you into putting your aunt's legacy into the hands of Kratz for investment. As a matter of fact, I've had reason to since what a terrible mistake I was making."

In a few words he related to her what he had found at the defaulting broker's office.

"So you see, Mabel, what a wise little woman you were when you stuck out so firmly against trusting the fellow! he admitted finally. "But for you, by this time, all your money might have gone with that of other people, instead of still being safe and sound in our bank——"

"But—oh dear, John—it isn't there now!" she shocked him by saying under her breath, eyes wide with fright, voice weak with horror. "Not an hour after you'd gone in such a temper. I was terribly repentant about it by then, and—and I'm afraid in my mind that, when I went shopping, I'd slip in a kiosk and phone you.

"Then, who should suddenly ring at the front-door but that Mr. Kratz himself!" she went on. "He said he was in a terrible hurry as he had to go over to Ireland right away, and did I know whether you were taking up those shares? He said, through him that he could have the money——"

"What—?" Passmore nearly choked as he said it. "Don't tell me, Mabel, that you gave it him?"

"I sat down then and there and wrote out a cheque, John——"

"Quick! To the bank—like lightning!" Passmore had hardly uttered the words before he realised how foolish they were. The man had called hours ago. The bank was barely fifteen minutes walk away.

He almost fell into a chair, and buried his head in his hands.

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GIRL BEATEN WITH STICK

AUNT FINED

For beating her niece with a stick in a manner likely to cause her unnecessary suffering, Mrs. Julia Pilcher, of High-street, Margate, was fined £5 and ordered to pay three guineas costs at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Mrs. Pilcher, represented by Mr. A. R. Young, pleaded not guilty.

The case was prosecuted on behalf of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and that the mother of the girl, Elizabeth Rodgers, was dead, and her father was serving abroad. The girl had lived with her aunt for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher conducted a general store in High-street and the child had delivered groceries to their customers. From time to time these customers had given her pennies and sixpences. When the aunt discovered money and savings stamps in the girl's bag she suggested they were stolen and beat her with a stick. This was not an isolated case and it was suggested that more force than was necessary had been used.

P/C Bullard said that in consequence of a complaint by another aunt, Mrs. Florence Wright, he saw the girl. She was in a hysterical condition and had weals on her legs.

W. T. P. Muir said there were a considerable number of large contusions on the child's legs, arms and other parts of her body. In his opinion the child had been caused unnecessary suffering.

The girl was put on magistrates that none of the money used to buy savings stamps was the property of her aunt. Her aunt had beaten her previously.

Mrs. Wright said when the girl came to her she was frightened but would not go back to Mrs. Pilcher.

In cross-examination, Mrs. Wright admitted that there had been a quarrel ness existed between her and Mrs. Pilcher.

Mrs. Pilcher said she had no intention of hurting her niece. The child would not answer her when she asked her where she got the money from for the stamps.

Mr. Young suggested that the prosecution was a little drastic to bring against a woman who from kindness had taken the child into her home and given her a reasonably happy home for two years.

The bench ordered that the fine and costs should be paid in two fortnightly instalments, with an alternative of a month's imprisonment.

DEPUTATION TO CAPT. BALFOUR

REQUISITIONING HOTEL FURNITURE

Concern lest Margate should not be in a position to cater for the influx of holidaymakers at the end of the war was expressed by a deputation representing Margate Town Council which waited on Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Air, on Wednesday.

The deputation consisted of the Mayor (Councillor Thomas Thomson), Alderman W. R. Noble, Councillor F. J. Cornford and the Town Clerk (Mr. A. W. Edwards).

It was pointed out to Capt. Balfour that particular concern was felt at the requisitioning by the Ministry of Works and Planning of certain furniture from hotels, boarding houses and other establishments in the borough which had been closed as a result of the war.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the requisitioning of this essential equipment from business premises might have the effect and might hamper the re-establishment after the war of Margate's only business—catering for holidaymakers. The basis of compensation was at prices prevailing at the time of requisitioning and that would create great hardship.

The deputation were informed that the furniture would be distributed throughout the country and it would not always be possible to return specific furniture to the premises from which it had been requisitioned. People from whom furniture had been requisitioned would have an opportunity after the war of repurchasing it at fair prices.

WAS 14 MILES AWAY

N.F.S. OFFICER FINED FOR SHOWING LIGHT

Although he was 14 miles from the building when the offence was committed, Div. Off. Lionel George Lewis Denne, National Fire Service, was fined £1 at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, last week, for permitting a light to show from a building adjoining N.F.S. premises at St. Peter's on the night of 8th June.

In respect of the offence a summons was previously served on Edwin Henry Matthews, an N.F.S. officer. Defendant's case was that Mr. Matthews stated that he was instructed that he should not have responsibility for lights.

P/S Enfield said he found the light burning in a clothing store at 11.45 p.m.

Div. Off. Denne asked the magistrates to take into consideration the fact that he was 14 miles away. Building when the offence was committed. Steps had since been taken to make impossible such an occurrence.

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"It's too late, too late! He will have cashed it now."

"Yes, John, that was what he wanted to say to think, because he argued with me a lot about crossing the cheque. He said that meant the cheque would have to go through his own bank and he wouldn't get the money for two or three days——"

So you didn't write it and——"

"But I did cross it, John. You told me when I opened the account always to put a cheque across——"

"Thou we can stop it!" he cried loudly, but she appeared not to hear.

"——And I always do what you tell me, John—well, sooner or later."

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any under notice, victim of an economy

Outstanding Ministry

TRIBUTES TO REV. F. J. BOMFORD

At a social evening in the Centenary Hall, Hardres-road, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, a large gathering of Methodists from all parts of the circuit met to bid farewell to their minister, Rev. F. J. Bomford, and Mrs. Bomford, and to present them with a monetary gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Bomford are leaving Ramsgate this week for Bournemouth, where Mr. Bomford will commence his duties as a supernumerary.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Day, circuit steward, supported by the Rev. P. Grubb, ex-Methodist superintendent minister at Ramsgate, and Mr. S. Board, secretary of the Quarterly Meeting.

Many tributes were paid to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Bomford.

Mr. E. Yeo spoke of the great service Mr. Bomford had rendered to the circuit. It had been a great delight to attend the services and they had restored his confidence in the ministry. Mr. Bomford had the gift of eloquence and sincerity.

Mr. Yeo also spoke of the service Mrs. Bomford had given to the circuit where all had grown to love her. They wished Mr. and Mrs. Bomford many happy years of service and good health and they would be delighted to see them again.

Mr. W. Tutt, society steward at Broadstairs and St. Peter's, said although the church at Broadstairs was closed and they had attached themselves to St. Peter's, he could still speak for Broadstairs and expressed appreciation of the ministry of Mr. Bomford during the past two years. His kindly Christian character had touched people more than anything else and their thoughts and prayers would go with him to his new ministry.

Happy Years.

Mr. G. Solly added his appreciation of the great service of Mr. and Mrs. Bomford. They had been happy to have been under Mr. Bomford's ministry.

Mr. Board said it was difficult to put into words all they felt about Mr. and Mrs. Bomford. Theirs was the most outstanding ministry that they had known in the circuit. They came to the circuit when many would have declined to come and had endeared themselves to all.

Miss E. Chandler also expressed thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Wesley Guild and the Northwood church.

Speaking for the few remaining local preachers, Mr. C. Hall, of St. S. Clarke said that in Mr. Bomford they had a great leader. He had never failed in the service and had took three services in the circuit Sunday after Sunday and had not one day off in seven. They had been a help indeed to them and Mrs. Bomford, who had guided them so well.

Mr. Hall also spoke on behalf of two groups of absent members, those who were evacuated and to whom Mr. Bomford sent a letter regularly and the soldiers and members of the services who had spoken so appreciatively of Mr. Bomford's ministry and of Mrs. Bomford and the social hour after the services on Sunday afternoons.

Organist's Tribute.

Mr. Ellender said he was a Baptist but had attached himself to the Methodist Church at St. Peter's because his own church was closed. He spoke of the warm welcome he had received. Time would never erase from his memory some of the services Mr. Bomford had preached, and he wished Mr. and Mrs. Bomford every success in their new sphere of labour.

Mrs. E. W. Hunt, on behalf of the Women's Bright Hour, expressed thanks to Mrs. Bomford, their president. They had spent two years of very happy work and very much regretted that she was leaving them. Her influence would be with them for a long time to come and they were sure she would be very good-bye to her.

Mr. W. Fuller said when he looked at the gathering there that evening and remembered the state they were in two years ago, he felt they had much to be thankful for. He spoke of the ministry Mr. Bomford had for real hard work and asked Mr. Bomford to accept their gift with very best wishes for their future health and happiness and continued service in the ministry.

The gift from members of every church in the circuit, including the Wesley Guild, but excepting Minster, who were presenting a separate gift.

Loyal Support.

In reply, Mr. Bomford said that if anyone had foretold such a meeting he would not have believed it. He could not say how deeply grateful he was to them for their kind expression of appreciation. He very much appreciated all the help he and his wife had received. They had tried to do their best but they could not have done what they had been able to do if it had not been for the faithful, loyal and splendid service of the people in the circuit.

Mr. Bomford paid tribute to the work of local preachers, the stewards and also the chairman of the meeting that evening. He had a very special word for the quiet and efficient way in which Mr. Fuller had fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of organist and he was much indebted to him for that work. He was also indebted to Mr. Board, who made the plans for them every month free of cost; and also to Mr. Tutt, who was society steward for two years in High-street, Broadstairs, and St. Peter's. And also to Mrs. Hunt, who provided music for them at the services in his wife's absence and spoke so highly. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb had also been a very great help to his wife and himself; and it was out of the kindness and loyalty of them all that had made it possible for him and his wife to do what they had done.

During the evening Mrs. Kathleen Mitchell sang two solos to accompaniment at the piano by Mr. D. Drake.

DEATH OF GARLINGE SMITH

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Saturday of Mr. Percy Terry, of 162 High-street, Garlinge, who passed away at the age of 77 years.

Coming from Monkton, where for generations his family were smiths and agricultural engineers, Mr. Terry took over the forge at Garlinge 53 years ago. Seventeen years ago he gave up the forge but continued to conduct an ironmongery business in High-street.

For 30 years Mr. Terry was a sidesman at Holy Trinity Church but recently he had attended All Saints' Church.

He leaves a widow, son, daughter and one granddaughter.

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REFUGEE ANIMALS

Sir,—From time to time correspondents write to the R.S.P.C.A. about their dogs, cats and birds which they keep at their homes in districts which are obviously particularly vulnerable to enemy action.

They are anxious to know what steps would be taken to transport their pets out of danger if the military authorities should ever require civilians to clear out of such areas during consequent operations.

The position can be stated as follows: The R.S.P.C.A. has every sympathy with the desire of those who wish to do all they can for the safety of animals, but war is a terrible thing and enemy attacks either by air or sea might conceivably become so intense under certain conditions that to attempt to transport cats and dogs with human population would involve additional risk through the animals becoming panic-stricken.

Apart from this there will be the question of space in arranging emergency transport. Even if there were no such requirements, would probably not be by

Anyone, therefore, who lives in what he considers to be a vulnerable area would be well advised to make arrangements with friends in other parts of the country for the care of his or her animals should the possibility of enemy attack is past.

The question has been raised by the R.S.P.C.A. some time ago when permission was given to the society's inspectors and clinic workers to remain in districts or area which might have to be evacuated in the event of invasion, but it was found that with any cats, dogs, birds or farm animals which might be left behind.

The authorities took steps, some time ago to remove certain farm animals from districts considered to be behind in enemy lines, and it therefore seems to us that owners of other animals might well take similar steps.

The R.S.P.C.A. asks everyone to visualise the problem which would face animal workers in a district menaced by the occupation of the enemy civil population has not taken such preliminary precautions.

Every R.S.P.C.A. inspector has volunteered to remain behind in order to reduce animal suffering to the minimum, but this would, of course, be subject to the control of the military authorities, who might well, in certain circumstances, order the immediate area to clear out.

The R.S.P.C.A. would then be unable to send a fleet of ambulances into the district during the civil population but would have to be kept clear for the military.

Nevertheless would also be the problem of feeding which would arise if all household pets had to be evacuated in bulk from a large area.

The R.S.P.C.A. has had considerable experience of such problems, and cases when refugees have to leave a given area to clear also arise in the course of warfare. We saw this problem in France and Belgium and also in Abyssinia, where our inspectors had been attached to the Italian campaign. Again we had a unit in the Pyrenees during the commencement War, during which the conditions of refugee animals were appalling.

In these circumstances we do beg all those who live in what they consider to be vulnerable areas to take every possible step now while conditions there are comparatively normal to avoid the repetition of the sufferings that inevitably fall on animals which are left in battle zones.

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MYSTERY AND MIRTH

LESLIE FULLER AT ODEON

Mystery is mixed with mirth in the programmes being presented at the Odeon this week-end by the state team.

George Sanders again brings that debonair detective, The Falcon, to the screen in "A Date With The Falcon," chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow (Wednesday). He is married at The Falcon's temperamental fiancee. The strange disappearance of a wedding caterer, who has devised a method for smuggling uncut diamonds, forms the basis of the plot. On the eve of his marriage, The Falcon postpones the wedding to solve the mysterious affair. Comedy and romance have been injected into the plot to ensure good all-round entertainment. The supporting cast is "Old Mother Riley in Paris," with Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane.

Rubber-faced comedian Leslie Fuller returns to the screen in "Front Line Kids." A gay, rollicking farce, which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Fuller plays an honest bookie who involves himself in the local young hoodlums. When the police threaten them with reformation, he finds jobs for the two eldest as pages, and the remainder are evacuated but refuse to stay put and he has to keep them under cover in the air raid shelter. When crooks take a room at the hotel and bring a lot of stolen goods there is trouble in store for everyone. "Call Out The Marines," with Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe, will also be shown.

THREE MONTHS MARRIED

WIFE SEEKS MAINTENANCE ORDER

Mrs. Olive Maud Bousell, of Norman-road, Westgate, who two days previously had been discharged after attempting to commit suicide, applied to Margate magistrates on Wednesday for a maintenance order against her husband, John Walter Bousell, of Cornwall-avenue, Slough, on the ground that he had failed to maintain her.

Bousell, who opposed the making of the order, said he was earning between £5 and £6 a week.

Mrs. Bousell said they were married on the 25th April last year and she was serving with the W.A.A.F. Since they had been married her husband had sent her only two pounds of money.

The magistrates made an interim order for the payment of £2 a week to be reconsidered in a month's time.

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Fireman Turns Detective

RAMSGATE ERRAND BOYS' ESCAPADE

The theft of a miniature sword in scabbard, a paper knife and pair of scissors in a silver case was admitted by two errand boys, aged 15 and 16, at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

The boys were summoned for stealing the articles, together valued at 5s., the property of Low John Smith, from 1, Granville-gardens, Ramsgate, on 9th July.

P/S Buddle said he saw the boys with P/C Hurd in Camden-road on the evening of 9th July and P/C Hurd was carrying an attache case. After accompanying the boys to the police station, witness went to 1 Granville-gardens and found an open window at the rear of the building. At the top floors of the house he found a basement door insecure but not forced and in the rooms some of the cupboards and drawers were open.

In a statement made at the police station the younger boy said he was sitting on a wall at the side of the house when a policeman passed. After he had gone he went with the other boy into the front garden and said "I wonder if that house is open?" It was and they both entered. They went into a lot of rooms, looked into some cupboards and drawers and put ten articles into an attache case. "When we got to a ground floor room," he continued, "we heard someone coming into the house. They got out of a window and ran to the other boy's house but the policeman in they had seen called them back.

A similar statement was made by the other boy.

Witness said he saw the older boy on the following day and asked him "Where is the paper knife you put into your stocking in the police station?" He replied that the other boy had given it to him.

The younger boy's father stated that the lad helped at a church on Sundays and was a very good boy at home. The other boy's mother said he had never been in trouble before and she could trust him with anything.

A letter from the boys' employer stated that he had found them very trustworthy and he felt sure their act was not premeditated.

Inspr. Butcher said nothing was known against the boys but it was another case of people being away from the town and their house being entered and articles stolen. Fireman Cox, who was on duty, saw the boys come away from the house, and he wanted to thank him for his assistance.

Addressing the boys, the Chairman (Mr. H. A. Perry) said they were both old enough to know better. "It is a dirty trick to do," he said. The magistrates thought, however, that this might have been the result of a boyish escapade and the case would be dismissed on payment of 7s. 6d. costs each.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES HENRY HEYDON

FATHER OF GALLANT FAMILY

His many friends will learn with regret of the death at Ramsgate General Hospital of Mr. Charles Henry Heydon, of Pauline Villa, Trinity-place, Ramsgate.

Mr. Heydon, who was 56 years of age, was apprenticed to Mr. Thomas Chapman, the Ramsgate smackowner, and for many years served with the Char Steam Trawling Co. He was a familiar figure at Ramsgate Harbour.

Mr. Heydon leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter.

The eldest son, Staff-Sgt. W. J. Heydon, Royal Artillery, is a prisoner of war in Germany, the second son, Bdr. George Frederick Heydon, was killed in the Battle of Crete, the third son, L/Cpl. Albert Henry Heydon, is serving with the Royal Tank Regiment, the youngest son, Oliver, is waiting to be called up, and the daughter, Winifred, is a sergeant in the State Nursing Service.

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery last week, being preceded by a service at Holy Trinity Church, where all four sons at one time sang in the choir.

The mourners were the widow, Henry and Oliver (sons), Winifred (daughter), Mr. Fred Wilson (nephew), Mrs. Elsie Heydon (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Thomas (sister-in-law), Mr. J. Wilmott (brother-in-law), and Mr. O. Wilson (brother-in-law).

Floral tributes were received from: His loving wife, Flo; Winnie, Elsie, Bert, Doris, Jack, Rose, Win and Joe; George, Annie and family (Cornwall); Son Bill, daughter-in-law and granddaughter; Mr. and Mrs. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Moses; Holy Trinity Mothers' Union; Holy Trinity Mothers' Meeting; Em, Steve and Sophie; Fred and Dolly; Mr. and Mrs. Powles; Ted and Ivy; Winnie and Arthur; Sister Alice (Peterborough); Mr. and Mrs. Guttridge; Mr. and Mrs. Gore; Mr. and Mrs. Shephard; Mr. and Mrs. Pearce; Aunt Bell and family; Ollie and Agnes (California); Ada and Bill; Montefiore Arms.

MR. R. E. TURNER

DEATH OF FORMER RAMSGATE TICKET COLLECTOR

Chief ticket collector at Ramsgate station for many years, Mr. R. E. Turner, formerly of 28 Codrington-road, Ramsgate, passed away last week at Ipswich.

Mr. Turner completed 50 years' service with the Southern Railway in January, 1941, and received the company's gold medal in recognition of his work.

Joining the railway service in 1899, Mr. Turner served in the telegraph office at London Bridge. He worked as signal lad at Woolwich Arsenal and Cannon-street, and eventually became a shunter. After ten years his health broke down and he was appointed assistant ticket collector at Cannon-street. He served for ten years in a similar capacity at Catford Bridge. He came to Ramsgate in 1912 and remained there until his retirement in 1941.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Raiders which penetrated over the coastline at tea-time on Sunday dropped four bombs in the eastern part of Margate. One fell on an empty house and wrecked it, another dropped on a lawn and a third fell in a backyard without doing any damage. The fourth found a resting-place in the sea but no casualties or injuries were caused by any of the missiles. Southend, unfortunately, suffered very heavily as a result of the visit and the casualty list issued later in the day stated that 23 people were killed.

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Flt.-Sgt. Will D. Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Coleman, of Ramsgate, is enjoying a few days leave in honour of his wedding, which took place at Ilfracombe yesterday. Prior to his entry into the R.F.C. about two years ago he was in much demand locally as a singer, and both he and his bride, Miss Lily Tuck, were members of the Ramsgate Operatic and Dramatic Society. They were invariably cast for principal parts in the annual production.

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The Rev. J. T. Castle this week celebrated the 23rd anniversary of his pastorate at St. Peter's Baptist Church. The Rev. G. Tolland, who is taking up new duties at Slade's Green, Erith, preached his farewell sermons at St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, on Sunday.

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Congratulations to Alderman W. Coleman on receiving the Belgian stripe in the Kent Volunteer Regiment. During his term of office as Mayor, Alderman Coleman had the honour to shoot on the miniature range fitted up by A Company, 1st V.B., The Buffs, at St. George's Hall, and on this occasion refused to permit a target to be carefully bored for him in order to secure the first shooting shot. Other interesting promotions in the company include the granting of a second lieutenancy to L/Cpl. D. B. White and J. Wood. Pte. A. L. Eyers, who gets his first stripe, was a popular captain of the Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club.

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Lt. H. G. W. Green, The Buffs (attached Machine Gun Corps), son of Mr. H. H. Green, of Ramsgate, is making slow but satisfactory progress in hospital at Manchester. He was badly wounded while in command of a tank. The young officer is an old boy of Vale College, Ramsgate.

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Cpl. J. Tickner, R.F.A., a Ramsgate Territorial, who was a member of our advertising staff, has participated in fighting recently and is now in Palestine.

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A/M E. J. H. Budds, R.F.C., of Ramsgate and Broadstairs, enjoyed leave in Ramsgate this week. He looked very fit.

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The second birthday of the Nethercourt V.A.D. Hospital was celebrated on Tuesday. The commandant (Mrs. Gaze) gave great joy to the patients and at the same time succeeded in attracting a large crowd to the pretty grounds.

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Gazetted to a commission in the Royal Sussex Regiment in July, 1916, after training with the Buffs, Mr. G. A. C. Wilson, of Grove-road, Ramsgate, is reported to have fallen in action on 31st July while at the head of his company.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

LIFEBOATS OUT

Early on Saturday morning signals of distress were observed from the North Sands Head Lightship and the Ramsgate lifeboat Bradford put out at about 5 o'clock. The s.s. Conqueror also responded to the call and on arriving at the Goodwin's Nose found that the Deal Pilot lifeboat was already on the scene. It was found that the vessel on the sands was the s.s. Burton, of 1,600 tons, bound from Clackmannan, Scotland, to Grenville in France. The captain of the Conqueror boarded the stranded vessel, the captain of which refused all offers of assistance. There was a moderate sea and there was a clear weather at the time. The Deal lifeboat also arrived on the scene but the vessel floated of without assistance between 5 and 6 o'clock. The Conqueror towed the Broadstairs lifeboat back and the harbour tug Aid went out and fetched the Ramsgate lifeboat.

ELLINGTON PARK SOLD

On Tuesday, Messrs. Vinten and Sons were instructed by the trustees of the late Maj. E. C. Hale Wilkie to submit to public competition at the Auction Mart, the Ellington Estate and other properties. Ellington House, with 18½ acres of park-like land, was purchased by Ramsgate Corporation as a recreation ground before the sale was at £12,400. Albion House, East Cliff, a fine marine mansion with extensive sea views, formerly the residence of H.R.H. the late Duchess of Kent and H.M. the Queen, when Princess Victoria, was put up at £2,000 and bought in at £3,000, the auctioneers declaring that the reserve price had not been reached. Two pleasant old-fashioned residences with gardens at Ellington were put up at £1,000 and bought in at £1,450. Three £5 shares in the Ramsgate Smackowners Ice Company sold at £13 per share.

RAGGED SCHOOL UNION

Some time ago a roomy house in Margate-road, Ramsgate, was purchased from Mr. Pugh at a cost of £900 by the Ragged School Union, the intention being to utilise it for a holiday home. The home is situated in its own grounds of about an acre in extent. Through the generosity of friends of the institution the purchase money has already been raised and it was opened on Wednesday afternoon by a lady who presented the home at Bognor. His Worship the Mayor presided with his usual urbanity.

SHIPBUILDERS' SUPPER

In connection with the launch of the New Clipper from their yard, Messrs. W. and T. Moses entertained about 40 guests to supper at the Halstaff Inn. The chairman (Mr. W. H. Moses) said they were celebrating the rebuilding of a vessel built by the firm 30 years ago. On opening the vessel they found that the majority of her timbers were as sound as the day they were put there.

TWO WOMEN AND SOLDIER SENTENCED

RECEIVING CHARGES AT MARGATE

Property to the value of nearly £400, only a part of which had been recovered, was involved in a receiving case against two soldiers and two married women at Margate police court on Wednesday.

James Albert Mahon, a soldier who was already serving a six months sentence for larceny and forgery, was brought from Maidstone Gaol to appear on three charges of larceny and alternative charges of receiving. No evidence was offered in the larceny charges but on those of receiving Mahon was sentenced to a further six months' imprisonment to commence on the expiration of the present sentence.

Mrs. Rose Kathleen Hutton (33) and Mrs. Marian Burton (41), both of Marlowe-road, Margate, were each sentenced to a month's imprisonment for receiving. After a strong plea for leniency had been made on behalf of the other soldier, Anthony Crossley Wilson, also charged with receiving, he was placed on probation for a year.

Mahon was charged with three offences of larceny of linen and other articles and alternatively with receiving them, knowing the same to be stolen. He pleaded guilty to the receiving charges as follows: receiving property of Cecil Rupert Elcome, of 22 Fort-crescent, Margate, which had been stolen from that address, to the value of £2 10s.; receiving property of Annie Matilda Riesch, of 5 Fort-crescent, to the value of £9 10s.; and ditto in respect of property of Frederick Sewell Cave, of Waverley Hotel Fort-crescent, to the value of £2 10s.

Closed Boarding House.

The plea on the receiving charge was accepted by the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) and he did not offer any evidence on the larceny charges.

Mr. Palmer said Mrs. Riesch's tenement had formerly been a boarding house but was closed in June, 1940, owing to war conditions and Mrs. Elcome moved to Rickmansworth, where he was now residing. His brother, who lived at Waverley Park-road, Margate, visited the premises about the last week in March and found everything in order with the exception of a back door, which he left unlocked because he had lost the key.

The police visited the house during the first week in April and found it had been ransacked and subsequently Mr. Elcome attended and reported property missing to the value of £150. When Mrs. Riesch left the house she found that an entrance had been effected at the rear and doors inside had been forced open.

When on the 10th April Mahon said he knew nothing about the matter but four days later when in the Maidstone Gaol again on the Maidstone Gaol and showed him some property which had been recovered, remarked that he "bought it from a chap in the battery" and did not know where it had come from.

On the second charge the Chief Constable said that the house had been entered and property to the value of £200 was missing and subsequently recovered from Hutton and Burton as part of this property. Mahon was shown the goods and agreed that he had sold them to Hutton and Burton.

Mahon told the bench he had helped the police in every way he could and that although he knew he had a bad record he had not done anything really bad to get himself into such trouble. "I will willingly go abroad to get away from further trouble." he declared.

Mr. Palmer after reading defendant's record, which showed nine convictions for theft, said that Mrs. Burton, who was a married man, aged 34, and the father of six children of ages ranging from 12 months to 12 years.

Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Burton were charged on remand with receiving quantities of linen and property of Cecil Rupert Elcome, knowing them to have been stolen.

Laundry Mark Clue.

The Chief Constable said both cases arose from the same set of facts as in the case of Mahon. D/S Presland went to Hutton's home and found her waiting her husband's return and seeing the same laundry mark as Mr. Elcome's property. He found the property in various parts of the house. Hutton said "Mahon brought it to the house and I accepted it from him in all innocence. I did not know it was stolen." She said she had bought the goods from Mahon and Wilson at very cheap prices.

On the same day D/S Presland saw Burton and she admitted having bought some of the property from Mahon.

Mr. Young said the explanation why the women did something they knew to be wrong was partly the strong temptation of cheap goods and partly days to acquire linen cheaply. They did not ask Mahon too closely where he got things from as they did not want to insult a person who came habitually to their house as a guest.

The Chief Constable said both women associated considerably with soldiers.

Wilson pleaded not guilty to stealing £1 worth of cutlery from 5 Fort-crescent, the property of Annie Matilda Riesch, between October 1st last year and July; but he admitted receiving it knowing it to have been stolen. The Chief Constable then briefly proceeded on the receiving charge, offering no evidence on the stealing charge.

To Go Abroad.

On 21st July, he said, Sgt. Presland made enquiries about some breakings at Fort-crescent. He discovered that No. 5 had been entered from the rear by body pressure. Sgt. Presland had recovered the cutlery from the Southampton police, who had taken it from the accused's sister's home. He showed this to Wilson and said "I have reason to believe that this is stolen property." Wilson replied "I bought it from a gunner and gave him 10s. for it about six months ago."

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TEN DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT

MARGATE SEAMAN TORPEDOED IN ATLANTIC

A/B Gnr. Leslie May, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. May, of Maybrook, Maynard-avenue, Margate, is home on survivors' leave.

He was serving on a merchant vessel which was torpedoed in the Atlantic, spent ten days in an open boat, and is now waiting to go to sea again.

Describing his experiences, A/B May, who is 26 years of age and an old boy of Salmestone School, said it was in the early hours of the morning and very dark when a torpedo from a U-boat struck the ship. As the vessel listed immediately the order was given to abandon ship. The crew of 55 had to be packed into two lifeboats as the other two were damaged when the ship was hit.

The ship sank but they circled round for two days in the hope that their distress signals might have been picked up. They then decided to make for the nearest land. The lifeboats were crowded and they had not room to sit in water in one position all the time. They lasted continuously and during the night lost sight of the second lifeboat. The sea became rough and they were reaching the end of their endurance on the 11th day when they were sighted by a corvette and eventually picked up.

The crew of the second lifeboat were also rescued.

Before joining the Royal Navy, A/B May was a Margate milkroundsman.

Margate Centenarian

MAYOR VISITS MISS ESTHER MORGAN

Miss Esther Morgan, of Drapers' Homes, Margate, had a distinguished visitor last week.

The visitor was the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) and he conveyed to Miss Morgan the congratulations of the town on reaching her hundredth birthday.

Miss Morgan was born in Margate and spent most of her life in the town. She was one of a family of 12 children, her father being a millworker who lived at Cliff-terrace for half a century, and later moved to Ethelbert-terrace. She still has one sister, younger than herself, living in America.

With the aid of a reading glass Miss Morgan reads the paper each day and she can also hear quite well. Her only complaint is that she cannot walk as far as she once could!

As a girl Miss Morgan remembers being taken for walks through fields on which now stand residential parts of the town. She saw the houses erected and she has seen some of them bombed in two wars. Through both wars she has lived at Drapers' Homes and she is the oldest inhabitant.

Miss Morgan saw some of the earliest performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and they are still her favourite entertainment. She does not think much of the modern novel—nor of 20th century weather.

MARGATE VICAR LEAVING

REV. D. V. BECKINGHAM'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Described by Dr. Lang, former Archbishop of Canterbury, as a man who was "full of genius," and who had a sense of humour, the Rev. Donald Vincent Beckingham, Vicar of the parish church of St. John, Margate, for the past three years, will be leaving the town in the autumn to take up the living of St. Mary's, Folkestone.

While in Margate Mr. Beckingham has lived up to Dr. Lang's description and the townspeople, as well as his own parishioners, will be sorry to lose him.

After serving in the Royal Navy during the last war, Mr. Beckingham went to Keble College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1921. He was ordained in 1924 and his first curacy was at St. Mary Magdalene, Munster-square. St. Pancras, where he remained for five years. In 1929 he went to the priest-in-charge to St. John's, Aylesbury, and the following year took his M.A. degree. In June, 1930, he became Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill, and was instituted at St. John's, Margate, in January, 1939.

Mr. Beckingham is chaplain to the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. and has taken a prominent part in the organisation of Margate Youth Club.

Until his death in 1929, Mr. Beckingham's sister, the late Miss H. C. Beckingham, was headmistress of Ledge Point School, Westgate.

BROADSTAIRS DIAMOND WEDDING

Married at Christ Church, Marylebone, in 1882, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hoskins, of 11 Fair-street, Broadstairs, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins carried on business at Marylebone, Tooting, Paddington and Ealing before coming to Thanet on their retirement. They lived for some time at Hereson-road, Ramsgate, before moving to Broadstairs.

Although 83 years of age, Mr. Hoskins cultivates a fine garden.

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That morning, said the Chief Constable, Wilson was told that this gunner had been seen and that he denied ever seeing the property. Later, he still asserted that this statement was true.

Wilson said he had nothing to say to the court.

His battery officer said that he was an orphan and had therefore lacked the advantages of parental influence. During the last four months Wilson had been a greatly improved soldier and was one of the best soldiers in the battery. "If you deal leniently with this," he said, "I can get him placed at the top of the list for men going abroad, where I feel certain he would do well as a soldier."

Mr. Palmer said that Wilson was 19 and had a clean sheet.

On the understanding that he would be going abroad, the magistrates decided to bind Wilson over for a year.

SWEETHEARTS FOR 60 YEARS

Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Perry

CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTATIONS

With half a century of united happiness and work well done to look back upon with pride, two of Ramsgate's most prominent citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Perry, of Inglenook, Cannon-road, on Sunday celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding.

The congratulations of their many friends in the town and more particularly in the parish of Christ Church, with which they have been associated throughout their lives, were extended to the happy couple and it is unfortunate that the force of war-time circumstances will prevent them and their family from celebrating the occasion in the manner it deserves.

It was on 10th August, 1892, that Mr. Perry was married at Christ Church by the Rev. C. L. Williams to Miss Mary Blinko, daughter of the late Mr. John Blinko. The marriage was very popular for not only were both parties members of well-known local families but Mary was a son of the late Mr. John Perry, who then owned the coal business which is still carried on under the name by Hugh and I were lovers as boy and girl and although we have been married 50 years we have been sweethearts for 60."

After saying that he wished to put his cheque into a church fund, Mr. Perry offered some advice to young people thinking of marriage. "When we were married," he said, "we started with the idea that God must be head of our house. We had to think alike on those high spiritual grounds. I have often given this advice to newly-married people—take with you into your home the 'two bears,' bear and forbear."

Referring to Mr. Perry's request that the money should be paid into the church funds, the Vicar said that it confirmed all that had been said about him. "That is Mr. Perry all over," he said.

NEW POWER ON THE LAND

TAKING CARE OF FARM MACHINES

What will the harvest be? To prophesy would be folly with our uncertain climate. And we could not publish figures for Hitler's benefit. But this we do know: land under the plough has increased by half since the war began. Our wheat acreage has gone up by one-third; oats have increased from 2½ to over 4 million acres, helped by nearly three-quarters, farm vegetables by more than one-half. How has this been achieved? By the magnificent efforts of farmers and workers? Yes, partly. But it could not have been done without the mighty power of the farm machine.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. R. S. Hudson, has declared that today we are the most mechanised farming country in the world, with 120,000 tractors as against the 52,000 with which we started the war. We have now more than ten times the number of combine-harvesters that were in use a year or so before the war.

This is the power on the land, a most valuable asset of which the utmost use must be made—the utmost sure taken. Much of our machinery has come from America, whose farmers have gone without what they badly needed themselves in a re-out broadcast. Mr. Hudson told them that "every farm tractor you've sent—every binder, every seed drill—means more food grown in Britain and more ships released to fight our common enemies."

Now the American farmer is being urged, as our home farmers have been urged, to "Take care of it and make it do." Advertisements in American farming papers are emphasising the importance of farm machines in the winning of this war. The need for the last ounce of production is urgent; so is the demand for machines to help plant, cultivate and harvest your crops. But the American farmer is told that because of the urgent demands of war production new farm tools are going to be harder to get. "This simply means," one advertisement reads, "that farmers must take the best care of the farm machines they have. They must make their present equipment last longer. They must take care of everything until we win the victory."

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RETURN OF C.E.M.A.

ANOTHER CONCERT SUCCESS

The combined popularity of Miss Sybil Eaton and of C.E.M.A. concerts at Ramsgate attracted another large audience to the Congregational Hall last week.

With two different artistes the programme had the same shape as the first concert—a group of violin solos and a complete female voice recital, two groups of songs, piano solos and song with violin obligato all drawn from classical composers.

Miss Eaton again endeared herself by her charming comments on the pieces to be played and her witty asides, as for instance when the piano was repeatedly moved until the best light had been found from the remarked, recalling the vagaries of the great pianist, "Pachmann isn't in it!"

For the first group of solos, Miss Eaton chose Handel's Larghetto in B minor, Schumann's picture piece in which she was assisted by the violin stob the music from the piano but which proved to be a perfect duet, and Pugnani's Prelude and Allegro played in the grand manner this majestic music deserves. She also played the violin obligato to L'Amero from "Il Re Pastore" by Mozart, blending her delicate tones to the lovely, pure notes of Miss Mabel Ritchie, soprano.

This exquisite singer gave with consummate art a Shirtime "Let us wander" by Handel, Pamina's aria from Mozart's "The Magic Flute," soaring to perfectly rounded top notes; Suzanna's lovely song in Mozart's "Nozze di Figaro," sung in Italian, and a rondo "Hush every breeze" by James Cook, an early English composer of Vauxhall Garden fame.

To end the concert Miss Ritchie rendered songs from the Hebrides and two unaccompanied folk songs from Somerset and Sussex which she sang with a charm and ease concealing perfect technique.

The pianist, Miss Rose Keen, who accompanied with great understanding, also gave two solos, Fantasia by Bach and Romance by Schumann, and one brilliantly rendered, the other all sympathy and tenderness.

Miss Eaton's piece de resistance was Vaughan Williams' setting to a poem by George Meredith "The lark ascending." It was a lovely follow the flight of the bird as it left the earth.

In a little speech Miss Eaton declared "I don't know so much" that further concerts would be arranged for October, November, December, February and March to anyone desiring a special kind of concert was asked to communicate with Miss K. Perry as they would like to give concerts "as lovely as we can."

The Rev. J. H. Roundhil, Vicar of St. Lawrence, thanked the artistes and voiced the gratitude of the large audience for a most enjoyable evening.

CHINA'S FIGHT

DRAMATIC FILMS AT KING'S

Lovers of dramatic films will have plenty of fare to their taste at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

A topical and thrilling drama of adventure, "China Caravan," released today and to-morrow, tells of the heroic struggle of the Chinese to keep the Burma road open to traffic so that her armies might get the much-needed supplies. The picture opens in New York where Barry Nelson, as a cocktail taxi-driver, agrees to be part of secret mission to the Burma road for a Chinese society. He meets Lucille Ball, who tricks him into smuggling her into China, where she expects to meet her husband, a renegade soldier of fortune, "The White Wolf," which is also being shown, takes us to another part of the world, starring Rex Harrison, John Loder and Valerie Hobson. It depicts the efforts to keep peace in Europe during the 1938 crisis.

"This Gun for Hire," chief feature for the Sunday and Monday bill, is a thrilling spy drama with the leading roles played by Veronica Lake, Robert Preston and Alan Ladd. As a professional murderer Ladd is commissioned one night to do a killing he committed as a youth. Robert Preston plays a detective and falls in love with Miss Lake, a night club singer. As the hireling of a man selling secrets to enemy agents, Laird Cregar plays the part of one who hates violence but does not hesitate to employ others to do the killing. The programme will also include "Too Dangerous to Live," a powerful crime drama starring Sebastian Shaw and Greta Gynt.

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Hospital Fing Day.—A flag day in aid of Ramsgate General Hospital is to be held in the town on Saturday. Collectors will be welcomed and boxes will be issued at Clarendon House on Friday.

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Old Contemptibles' New Padre.—The Rev. C. E. Farnsworth, Vicar of Ramsgate, has been appointed padre to the Ramsgate branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association in succession to the Rev. C. F. Cowland-Cooper, former Vicar of St. Lawrence.

Sussex Bowls Champion.—A former member of both Ramsgate and Margate Bowling Clubs, Mr. J. E. Rouse (Eastbourne), defeated Mr. T. C. Blackman (Rosemount) by 21-7 in the final of the Sussex bowls championship at Eastbourne. Mr. Rouse left Ramsgate for Brighton shortly after the outbreak of war.

Military Ball.—Another of the popular military balls is to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday. An extension until 12.30 a.m. has been obtained. Frederic Hargraves and his orchestra will provide the music, profits will go to the Mayor's Troops Comforts Fund. Tickets are obtainable from Mrs. Peete, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, or at the theatre.

Variety Concert.—Arranged by the patriotic members of the Southwood organisation of the N.F.S., a variety concert is to be held at St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Ramsgate, at 7 p.m. on Thursday. The proceeds are to be given to the widow and daughter of part-time fireman A. E. Ward, who was killed while on duty during the Canterbury blitz. The concert-party will include pianoforte numbers by Miss Kathleen Perry, L.R.A.M., and Mr. Ward, Mr. Bert French, A.R.C.O., violin solos by Bdr. S. H. Bor, R.A., formerly of the R.N.C., in addition to lighter items. The committee responsible for the concert consists of Messrs. A. J. Warden, D. Drake, C. F. Castle and A. E. Jones.

BROADSTAIRS

Recovering from Wounds.—News that their son George, recently reported wounded, is now recovering well, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pike, of 11 Astor-road, Reading Street. William, another son, was reported missing several weeks ago. Both were serving with the Royal Engineers overseas.

Whist.—At a whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Rose Inn, Mr. Pallant was the winner. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pallant to Mr. May, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Reddie and Mrs. Pallant.

Savings.—During the week ended 1st August local savings at Broadstairs and St. Peter's realised £576 and consisted of savings certificates £185, defence bonds £39 and net deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £371. The total of £4,410 for the week ended 8th August was made up of savings certificates £201, defence bonds £265 and net deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £406.

Cricket.—A draw resulted when Broadstairs C.C. met an R.A.F. XI at St. Peter's Recreation Ground last week. Broadstairs, who fared the bowling first, scored 43 (T. Thomas 21, B. Mitchell 22), and the Airmen replied with 51 for seven wickets before stumps were drawn. For the Airmen, Hill took 5 wickets for 17 and Brown 1 for 23, and for Broadstairs the bowlers for Broadstairs were R. McCutcheon (2 for 9) and Thomas (2 for 14).

Wedding Anniversary.—Congratulations and good wishes on the wedding anniversary were extended by the Chief Templar, Mrs. O. E. Pearce, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCabe at the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., of the Good Templar Hall, Edgo End-road, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Good wishes to the couple were also voiced by Bro. J. A. Watt (C.T., Ashurst Lodge), Mrs. Isaacs (C.T., Sunbeam Lodge), Mr. Jamieson and Mrs. M. D. Faulkner. Thanking the members, Mr. McCabe spoke of the many changes that had taken place during the 29 years of their married life. Bro. S. A. Ware, R.N., and Bro. F. H. Baker, both home on leave, were welcomed, light refreshments were provided by Mr. and Mrs. McCabe. The entertainment by Mr. Bro. B. Lowe, Mrs. Pennell, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. L. A. Ware, Mr. Fox Taylor and Mr. A. B. Impett. The intercession service was conducted by Mrs. N. McCabe.

MAGISTRATES CONGRATULATE GOLDEN WEDDING COUPLE

The congratulations of the magistrates on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Perry, reported on Page 3, were offered by the Chairman (Mr. C. P. Hartley) at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mr. Hartley said Mr. Perry had been a very diligent and loyal member of the bench and for many years he had carried on with the assistance of Mrs. Dunn and one or two others.

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FIGHTER PILOTS IN THE MAKING

THANET A.T.C. INSPECTION

The District Inspector for the South Eastern Region, Sqdn.-Ldr. W. J. Martin-Tomson, R.A.F.V.R., inspected the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps, comprising two flights from Margate, two from Ramsgate and one from Minster, at Squadron Headquarters, Pettman Central School, Margate, on Sunday.

When asked by the District Inspector whether they wanted to be when they joined the R.A.F., most of the cadets replied "A fighter pilot."

Sqdn.-Ldr. Martin-Tomson, who was accompanied by Flt.-Lt. R. Spratling, Officer Commanding the Thanet Squadron, said he was very proud of the squadron operating in such a difficult area and he wished all the cadets the best of luck.

TEMPLARS IN SESSION

THANET PROGRESS RECORDED

Mr. W. H. Jacobsen (Ramsgate), District Councellor, presided at the 52nd quarterly session of the East Kent District Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Sheerness on Saturday.

There was a large gathering and the Thanet representatives included Mrs. Pote, Mrs. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCabe, Mr. A. B. Impett and Mr. S. Lowe (Ramsgate), Mr. and Mrs. T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Larkins, Mrs. Drayson, Mrs. S. Watt, Mrs. Evison, Mrs. and Miss Hope, Mrs. Low and Mr. Lee.

A welcome was extended to the visitors by Councillor H. E. Jones, chairman of Sheerness Urban District Council, and Mr. Jacobsen referred to the absence of the Chief Templar, who had sent his greetings and congratulations to the Thanet Lodges for their efforts in furthering the cause of the order.

The report of the District Chief was accepted with acclamation and that on juvenile work showed that progress was being made notably in Thanet, where a juvenile committee had been formed. The Ramsgate Owners' Band had been restarted and at Broadstairs good meetings were being held and the work was going ahead well. In a motion "That the part of juvenile obligation relating to smoking be removed and that members taking the obligation be encouraged to discourage use of tobacco."

Further reports were given by the District Superintendent of Legislative Work, Bro. Jacobsen, who referred to the amounts obtained for the Good Templars' Temperance Orphanage at Sunbury-on-Thames, and by the Executive Committee (Mrs. Hawes and Mr. Glover).

COMPULSORY TRAINING OF FIRE GUARDS

The importance of carrying through the training of fire guards under the new compulsory powers as rapidly as possible has been emphasised by the Ministry of Home Security in a circular to local authorities.

The Ministry has stated that they should aim at completing the stirrup pump and fire hut drill for all fire guards within 90 days.

The training will include the following subjects:

Characteristics of different kinds of fire bombs, and methods of dealing with them; use and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment; supplies of static water in the building and use of hydrants, etc.; communications with N.F.S., wardens and police; layout of the fire guard's premises and its roofs, and the means of getting about them quickly.

"It is of the utmost importance," says the circular, "that all concerned should realise that training is not something which has to be done once and, when it is over, nothing more is required. On the contrary, there must be constant practice and refresher fire guards may be thoroughly efficient at all times."

Frequent Exercises.

There are to be frequent exercises in which neighbouring teams combine to ensure that the maximum force of fire guards is at the maximum force of be available at any time in an emergency. These exercises will be held during daylight hours at first and then at night.

The circular states that experience in recent raids has shown that the most efficient fire guard organisations are those which have given the greatest weight to the building up of a proper system of leadership through the street fire party leaders, the fire guard street captains and the senior and lead fire guards. Both men and women should be regarded as eligible for these higher posts and the selection should be by ability and capacity without regard to sex.

The local authorities have been advised to start as soon as possible courses of instruction through which fire guards may secure the best initiative can be made into instructors themselves in order to secure the necessary number required to undertake this immense task.

"This is a people's war and not a soldiers' war, for it is a war in which the soldiers are the people and the people are the soldiers."—Mr. Archibald MacLeish, U.S. Assistant Director of War Information.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	8.49 p.m.—5.20 a.m.
Wednesday	8.47 p.m.—5.21 a.m.
Thursday	8.45 p.m.—5.23 a.m.
Friday	8.43 p.m.—5.24 a.m.
Saturday	8.41 p.m.—5.26 a.m.
Sunday	8.39 p.m.—5.28 a.m.
Monday	8.37 p.m.—5.29 a.m.

SIX PAIRS OF TWINS

MARGATE WELFARE CENTRE SPORTS

A sports day for young children and their mothers, organised by the staff of Margate Welfare Centre under the leadership of Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst and Nurse Green, was held in the grounds of Pettman Central School, Margate, on Friday.

There was a variety of interesting competitions. A competition for twins attracted six pairs of entrants, but attractive event was a brains trust test.

The results were:

Pram parade—1, Mrs. Emptage; 2, Mrs. Court; 3, Mrs. Rootes; 4, Mrs. Wheel.

Utility class, any garment—1, Mrs. Wicks; 2, Mrs. Rootes; 3, Mrs. Fuller.

Needlework class—Mrs. Attree.

Knitting class—1, Mrs. Wright; 2, Mrs. Page; 3, Mrs. Lamberton; 4, Mrs. Holness; 5, Mrs. Hawkins.

Potato race, girls 7-9—1, Brenda Brasier; 2, Irene Priest; 3, June Gatehouse. Boys—1, John Brindley; 2, Allan Mathews; 3, Cyril Anderson.

Running backwards, girls 5-7—1, Marian Jones; 2, Sylvia Hayward; 3, Lylian Maills. Boys—1, Brian Noble; 2, David Davenport; 3, Raymond Brasier.

100 yards, girls aged 9-1, Doreen Cook; 2, Jean Stringer; 3, Irene Priest.

Ankle competition, mothers—1, Mrs. Sills; 2, Mrs. Mash; 3, Mrs. Gee.

Brains trust—1, Mrs. Rootes; 2, Mrs. Emery; 3, Mrs. Hawkins; 4, Mrs. Bowyer.

Twins competition—Freda and Bobby Foat; Brenda and John Gregory; Robert and Valerie Castle; Dorothy and Pamela Baldwin; Rod and Daphne Rogers; Allan and Mavis Cowell.

Egg and spoon, girls 7 and 8—1, Brenda Brasier; 2, Mary Hayward; 3, Margaret Roberts; 4, Gwen Jones. Girls aged 5-6, Dawn West, 2, Jean Stringer; 3, Phyllis Noble; 4, Sheila Mash; 5, Ronald Gurney; 5, Leonard Ward.

Tug of war, mothers—1, Mrs. Horn; 2, Mildred Dennis; 3, Jimmy Savory. 1-2 years—1, Pat Noble; 2, Richard Turner.

Hat-trimming competition—1, Mrs. Jones; 2, Mrs. Horton; 3, Mrs. Beard; 4, Mrs. Steers. Grandmothers—1, Mrs. Mash; 2, Mrs. Sutcliffe; 3, Mrs. Villett; 4, Mrs. Kennett. Men—1, Mr. Wetmell; 2, Mr. Head; 3, Mr. Meade; 4, Mr. Impiazzi.

Sipping race, mothers—1, Mrs. Davenport; 2, Mrs. Lamberton; 3, Mrs. Dennis.

Egg and spoon race, grandmothers—1, Mrs. Sutcliffe; 2, Mrs. Kennett; 3, Mrs. Finnis. Mothers—1, Mrs. Turtle and Mrs. Evans (tie); 3, Mrs. Warwick.

Threading race, mothers—1, Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Rootes; 2, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Jones; 3, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Page.

Walking race, mothers—1, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lamberton, Mrs. Turtle, Mrs. Dennis (tie).

FIREMEN'S SPORTS

WESTGATE BEAT MARGATE

As another contribution to the "Brighter Margate" movement, between 600 and 700 people attended the inter-county sports meeting and gymkhana between the Margate and Westgate sections of the National Fire Service, held in the grounds of the Royal School, Margate, on Thursday.

The day ended in a win for the Westgate section by 76 points to 40.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A. W. Thanet), who declared the meeting open, said the borough fire service had a great tradition and he hoped that same high standard of public duty would be maintained after the war.

Considerable interest was centred in the trailer-pump competition. Each team had to run out two lengths of suction, two 75ft. lengths of hose and then pump water on to a target. The Westgate team defeated the Margate team by one second.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Thomson.

The results were:

100 yards, under 20—1, Fusco (Margate); 2, Stevens (Westgate); 3, Gay (Westgate). Time, 12 secs.

80 yards relay, four men—1, Westgate team (Sturgess, Ody, Ebberson, Winch). Time, 50 1/5 secs.

Obstacle race, women telephonists—1, Miss Clifford and Mrs. Birch (Margate); 3, Mrs. Harding (Westgate). Time, 2 4/5 secs.

880 yards—4, Relf (Westgate); 2, Sturgess (Westgate); 3, Wilson (Margate). Time, 2 mins. 29 4/5 secs.

Children's first race—1, Raymond Jerrard; 2, Brenda Wallbridge. Second heats, 1, Robert Fusco; 2, Ronald Setterfield. Third race—1, June Gatehouse; 2, Joyce Mason, Jean Stringer; 3, Joan Hodges; 4, Betty Loxton. Fifth race—1, William Singleton; 2, Kevin Hall; 3, Dennis Bennett; 4, Joan Murphy; 5, Ivy Warren.

Long jump—1, Ebberson (Margate); 2, Wright (Margate); 3, Ody (Westgate). Length, 15 ft. 4½ ins.

100 yards, over 40—1, Rogers (Margate); 2, Ward (Westgate); 3, Wilson (Margate). Time, 13 2/5 secs. Obstacle race, men—1, Sergeant; 2, Com. Off. Chantrell; 3, Col. Off. Campbell. Time, 2 4/5 secs.

80 yards, women—1, Mrs. Kilganon; 2, A.G.O. Salisbury-Jones; 3, A.G.O. Mc-Bocock. Time, 12 secs.

220 yards relay, four men—1, Westgate team (Ebberson, Ody, Relf, Sturgess). Slow cycle race—1, Miss L. Finlay.

Tug-of-war, under 40—1, Westgate team (White, Darling, Twyman, Mansbridge, Welch, Newman, Fairbrass, Winch).

80 yards hurdles, men—1, Wright (Margate); 2, Manwaring (Westgate); 3, Ody (Westgate). Time, 11 secs. Under 20—1, Gilford (Margate); 2, Fusco (Margate); 3, Loxton (Westgate). Time, 12 4/5 secs.

100 yards individual—1, Pearce (Margate); 2, Ebberson (Westgate); 3, Manwaring (Westgate). Time, 13 4/5 secs. Women—1, Miss Lovett; 2, Miss Clifford; 3, Mrs. Birch.

440 yards—1, Sturgess; 2, Ebberson; 3, Relf (Westgate).

Potato race, women—1, Miss Middleton; 2, Mrs. Birch; 3, Miss Walbridge. Men's first race—1, Wright (Margate); 2, Ody (Westgate); 3, Gibbs (Margate). Second—1, Manwaring (Westgate); 2, Twyman (Westgate); 3, Manwaring (Westgate).

One mile, burglar—1, Mrs. Walbridge (Westgate); 2, Mrs. Barling (Westgate); 3, Mrs. Hill (Margate).

Hitch race—1, Chittenden (Margate); 2, Relf (Westgate); 3, Wright (Margate). 4 ft. 9 ins.

220 yards, under 20—1, Fusco (Margate); 2, Stevens (Westgate); 3, Mace (Margate). Time, 27 1/5 secs. Over 35—1, Winch (Westgate); 2, Wright (Margate); 3, Weight (Westgate). Time, 12 secs.

Four-legged race—1, Sgt. Rulecop, Miss Hall (Margate); 2, Fireman Walker, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Beach; 3, Fireman Wantall, Miss Finlay, Miss Walbridge.

Tug-of-war, over 40—1, Westgate team (Lee, Field, Foreman, Brooks, Buckman, Lewis, Coppen, Warren).

Obstacle race—1, Wantall (Margate); 2, Ody (Westgate); 3, Welch (Westgate).

Pump drill competition—1, Westgate team (Ldg. Fireman White, Fireman Ebberson, Fireman Foreman, Fireman Miles).

Mr. Dr. A. Phelps was organising secretary to the committee responsible for the event, and other officials were: Judge, Councillor G. A. Abbott, Div. Off. Twyman, G.M., Div. Off. Deane and Col. Off. Campbell, G.M.; referee, Col. Off. Watson; starter, Mr. J. Arnold; timekeeper, Mr. C. Hawkins; recorder, Mr. H. Ward; games captain, Mr. G. Robertson.

Com. Off. Chantrell received the challenge cup on behalf of the Westgate section.

A collection held during the afternoon raised £5 5s. 6d. for the Firemen's Sports Fund.

RAMSGATE VICTIMS OF S.E. COAST RAID

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED

FUNERAL TRIBUTES

A Ramsgate engine driver and a former Ramsgate woman were among the victims of a daylight raid on a south-east coast town on Tuesday.

The engine driver, Mr. Charles Cotton, who was 59 years of age, lived at 1 Bush-avenue, Ramsgate.

One of the Southern Railway's most efficient drivers, Mr. Cotton was some years ago regularly selected to drive the fast trains between Folkestone and London. He served at Folkestone and Deal before coming to Ramsgate.

Mr. Cotton leaves a widow and ten children—five girls and five boys. One of the sons, Alfred is a prisoner of war in Germany, Reginald is serving with the Military Police, Douglas with the Royal Artillery, Sidney with the R.A.F. and Horace is employed on the railway.

Mr. Cotton was an enthusiastic bowler and a member of the Southern Railway Sports Club. He was also a very keen gardener.

The Funeral.

A large number of engine drivers, firemen and other railway workers were present at Ramsgate Cemetery when the funeral took place on Saturday. Workmates from the Ramsgate Loco acted as bearers.

The Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Vicar of St. Lawrence, conducted the committal service, and the chief mourners were the widow Reg, Sid, Doug and Hod (sons), Amy, Elsie, Doris, Joan and Milly (daughters), Chris and Claude (sons-in-law), Elizabeth (daughter-in-law), Fred (brother) and Mrs. Cotton (sister), Amy (sister) and husband, Mr. Belsey (Loco Supt.), Mr. J. Priest and Lt. Hamlin (Home Guard).

Floral tributes were received from: Till (wife); Reg, Iris and Colin; Sid, Edith and Timothy; Doug, Hod, Mill and Joan; Amy, Cecil and Ann; Elsie, Chris and children; Elizabeth, Alf and baby; Doris and Claude (Dover); Milly and baby Russell; Mr. and Mrs. J. Priest (Hastings); Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family (Deal); Mr. and Mrs. Alvis (Sevenoaks); Mr. and Mrs. Tester (Sevenoaks); Mr. and Mrs. Platt (Deal); Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Harry; Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kingsland; Mrs. Wood and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. (B. Wood (Margate); Mr. and Mrs. Searles; Mr. and Mrs. Mirams, Mr. Eric and Albert; Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and Bert Drury (Chatham); Mr. and Mrs. Drury; Sib, Cecil, Olly and Bert (Dover); Ada and family (Dover); his fireman H. Mirams; Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes (Hythe); Mr. and Mrs. Ward and Joy; Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins; Allan, Muriel and Mrs. Tomlinson; friends and neighbours, Bush Estate; neighbours and friends; old friends, Windmill Inn; flowers from the garden he loved; D. Sheppy and staff, Div. Supt., S.R.; Loco Arch, S.R.; members of the A.S.L.E. and F. Ramsgate branch; Locomotive running staff, S.R., Dover Priory; Ramsgate branch, N.U.R.; local Self-Help Fund.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Haskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

The other Ramsgate victim of the raid was Mrs. Charlotte Pittock, who before her marriage seven years ago to Mr. George Pittock, of Sandwich, was Miss Cullen.

Mrs. C. Pittock.

Mrs. Pittock ran into a house for shelter and a few seconds later it received a direct hit.

Thirty-five years of age, she was employed for 16 years by Messrs. Tomson and Wotton at their Queen-street brewery, Ramsgate. She formerly lived with her mother at 31 Finsbury-road, and her sister, Mrs. Chapman, and brother, Mr. Charles Cullen, reside at 89 Boundary-road.

She leaves a husband and a young son.

Mr. Charles Goodwin, aged 67, of St. David's-road, Ramsgate, who was injured in the raid, was taken to Ramsgate General Hospital for treatment.

A workmate was killed within a few yards of the spot where Mr. Goodwin was standing.

For 15 years Mr. Goodwin was employed by Mr. H. Forwalk, builder, of Ramsgate, and from 1917 until 1927 was foreman for Messrs. Pike, shopfitters, of Ramsgate.

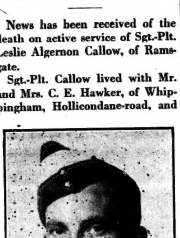
"The black market is obviously a national menace. It preys on our food supply, the very lifeblood of our existence. It flouts justice. It frustrates the Government's efforts to distribute our food equally and fairly, and it encourages theft, conspiracy, bribery and corruption."—Lord Southwood.

SERGT.-PILOT'S DEATH

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS RAMSGATE HOLIDAY

News has been received of the death on active service of Sgt.-Plt. Leslie Algernon Callow, of Ramsgate.

Sgt.-Plt. Callow lived with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawker, of Whippingham, Hollicondane-road, and



it was only a few days before his death that he returned from ten days' leave spent in the town.

Twenty-two years of age, Sgt.-Plt. Callow was educated at St. George's School, where he gained his Oxford Senior certificate. On leaving school he was employed by Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., and was with that firm until joining the R.A.F.

Very shortly after entering the service in June, 1941, he was sent to Canada to train as a pilot and gained his wings while in that country.

He was a popular member of St. George's Young Men's Association.

An aeroplane dipped in salute above Ramsgate Cemetery when the funeral took place on Monday.

The coffin was covered with a large Union Jack and the committal service was conducted by a padre from an R.A.F. station; officers commissioned officers acted as pall-bearers and a New Zealand flying officer also attended the funeral.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs Hawker, Molly (sister), Tex, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, Jack, and Miss Larkins, Mrs. Clements, Dr. G. Gillett- and Miss King.

Floral tributes were received from: Mother, Pop and Harry; Molly; Tex; Ivy and Charlie; Podgie; Florrie and family; Jack; Gwen and Jim; Gillett, wife and family; Mr. Milbourn; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Thornton; Mrs. Porter and Eric; Ward and Joy; Mr. and Mrs. directors of Alfred Olby Ltd.; Mrs. Clarke and all at 34 Hollicondane-road; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Clements and Geoffrey; Mrs. Skinner and Nancy; Mrs. Hudson and family; Fg. Off. Hilda and Grace; Harold, Win and Ivy; Commanding Officer and officers of No. 52 O.T.U.; Commanding officers, flight sergeants and sergeants of No. 52 O.T.U.; corporals and airmen of No. 52 O.T.U.; officers and airmen of No. 6 (P.) A.F.U.; Amy and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fleurer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Uncle and Aunt; Mayo's villas; Miss Lily, 20 Chapel-place; Annette, Mrs. King and Frank; Jack Hawkins; Wardens' Post A4 (Ted and Jack).

Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, conducted the funeral arrangements.

WESTGATE W.A.A.F. COOK'S SUCCESS

Acwm. Muriel Martin, of Westgate-on-Sea, who has been learning to cook for the R.A.F. at one of the most up-to-date technical colleges in the south of England, has now passed the course and been posted to an Air Force station to take up her duties.

Acwm. Martin was one of the first airwomen to receive instruction under the new scheme for the training of W.A.A.F. cooks in civil schools and universities throughout the country from October to Christmas.

The instructors are civilian cookery experts who have had a short course in R.A.F. cookhouse practice. The W.A.A.F. cooks with diplomas in domestic science.

Acwm. Martin and her fellow airwomen have learned big-scale food preparation in splendid kitchens where they took to the routine with the enthusiasm of qualified chefs.

Acwm. Muriel Martin has chosen a trade in which she can be of the most use to her country, and is to be congratulated on her success.

RAMSGATE HOSPITAL GIFTS

Contributions to Ramsgate General Hospital during July were headed by the annual subscription of Ramsgate Town Council, amounting to £262 10s.

Other subscriptions and donations included: Messrs. Boots, £6 6s.; Miss Joyce A. Story, £2 2s.; Mr. A. G. Bowyer, £2; Mr. H. Hayward, £1; Mrs. E. A. Jackson and Mr. R. H. Ruthven, £1 1s. each. Donations were received from: Miss L. A. Hammond, £2; St. Benedict's Hall, Newington (proceeds of whist drive), £1 3s. 3d.; Miss L. Gay, £1; Mrs. G. O. Easey (Ramsgate Corps, Salvation Army), 10s.; and Miss S. A. Sowell, 2s.6.

Collections at churches on Hospital Sunday (19th July): Cavendish Baptist and Congregational, £8 0s. 9d.; St. Lawrence, £6 11s. 10d.; Christ Church, £3 12s.; trustees of Montefiore Endowment Synagogue, £3 5s.; Ramsgate Catholic Churches, £3 4s. 6d.; Holy Trinity, £2 15s.; Minster Methodist, £1 2s. 6d.; Ramsgate Corps, Salvation Army, £1 2s.; Broadstairs Catholic, £1 1s.; Monkton Methodist, £1; St. Lawrence Methodist, 14s.

The sum of £248 11s. 1d. was received from contributory schemes and £2 11s. 2d. from box collections.

Gifts in kind ranged from children's clothing and books to gramophone records, surgical equipment and waste paper.

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SERVICES BOXING

HARD HITTING AT RAMSGATE

Boxing contests are few and far between in Thanet these days so the services tournament staged at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Friday, proved welcome entertainment.

Some of the boxers suffered from inexperience but what they lacked in skill they made up for in enthusiasm.

The best contest was that between Cpl. Danahar, welter-weight champion of the Southern Command, and Cpl. Phillips.

The fight opened slowly and both men were warned by the referee to "get cracking." In the second round Danahar began to get moving. With the advantage of a longer reach, Danahar was able to keep his left to keep Danahar at bay but his defence was gradually worn down. At the end of the third round Phillips was almost out on his feet and the referee stopped the fight in Danahar's favour in the final round. Phillips put up a good show against a more experienced opponent.

Welter-weight.

There was plenty of hard slogging in the heavy-weight contest between Ldg. Acm. Smith, R.A.F., and Gnr. Westlake, R.A. In the first round both men went to it like a couple of light-weights. They continued to hurl blows at one another throughout the second round and in the third and final round Westlake took a body blow which put him down for the count.

A Ramsgate favourite, Ldg. Fireman Taylor, N.F.S., had a peculiar opponent to deal with in Gnr. Walworth, R.A. Walworth was quite unorthodox and his attack consisted of headlong rushes. In the first round Walworth hit Taylor when he was on one knee and in the final round threw him with something resembling an all-in wrestling hold. Taylor out-boxed his man and was a clear winner on points, although the verdict might not seem too popular.

The first fight of the evening, between A.C.W. Brown, Royal Navy, and Gnr. Kent, R.A., lasted only one round, Warren giving up after taking a heavy pounding.

Gnr. Yates, R.A., and Stkr. Davis, R.N., were well matched. Both boys were as quick as lightning but it was not until the third and final round that Yates established his superiority to win on points.

There was also plenty of action in the bout between Pte. Wright and Gnr. Leatherbarrow. Both men had took heavy punishment in the first round but in the second round Leatherbarrow was forced to the count.

Other results were: Gnr. Tyrell beat Gnr. Rothery on points; Cpl. Smith, R.A.F., beat Pte. High on points; Ldg. Acm. Giles beat Stkr. Hooper—technical knock-out; L/Cpl. Williams beat Gnr. Turner disqualified on a foul; A/B Ribbans beat P/O Collins on points.

The tournament was promoted by Lt. W. H. Watkins.

The tournament was staged mainly for the benefit of the civilian population but owing to lack of support takings did not cover expenses.

If sufficient interest is shown, however, it is hoped to hold the shows regularly to help brighten the life of the town.

CRICKET

BOWLERS ON TOP

Ramsgate Civil Defence beat Ramsgate A.R.P. by 13 runs in a low-scoring match at Newlands on Friday.

N.F.S.

Hills, b Brown	1
L. Brown, c and b Hills	4
Lowdell, c Daniels b Brown	1
Mitchell, b Brown	0
W. Smith, c Potter b C. Andrews	5
F. Woodward, b Brown	4
Phillpott, b Brown	0
H. Smith, b C. Andrews	0
Bowyer, c Matthews b C. Andrews	0
Matthews, not out	0
Fuller, b Brown	1
Extras	1
Total	19

Bowling: Brown, 6 for 11; C. Andrews, 4 for 7.

C.D.

Molock, c Brown b Mitchell	2
C. Andrews, c Phillpott b Mitchell	10
Sgt. Brown, b Mitchell	0
Dr. W. B. Loveless, b Mitchell	6
Potter, c Woodward b Narramore	1
Narramore, b Smith	2
Northan, b Mitchell	1
R. Andrews, b Mitchell	1
Daniels, b Smith	1
Brownlow, not out	0
Carr, b Mitchell	0
Extras	1
Total	32

POLICE BEAT ARTILLERY

Some inspired bowling by Honess (6 for 9) and Fagge (5 for 17) resulted in the collapse of a Royal Artillery XI which entertained Ramsgate Police at St. Peter's on Wednesday.

Page (22) was also chief contributor to the Police total of 78, and in reply the Artillery could muster only 26.

Ramsgate Police

Bourne, run out	13
Thomas, b Lowden	1
Whibley, b Higgins	0
Sutton, b Higgins	0
Norman, b Higgins	0
Honess, not out	20
Page, c Wills b Graham	28
Prestedge, run out	5
Beard, b Graham	15
Ironside, b Graham	1
Beach, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	78

Bowling: Lowden, 1 for 14; Higgins, 3 for 42; Graham, 3 for 14.

Royal Artillery

Graham, b Honess	9
Barton, b Honess	0
Mason, b Honess	0
Gordon, b Page	9
Higgins, K., c Whibley b Page	12
Wills, c Page b Honess	3
Amos, b Honess	0
Clayton, c Page b Honess	1
Fleming, lbw, b Page	1
Higgins, J., not out	0
Gough, c sub b Page	2
Total	39

Bowling: Honess, 6 for 9; Page, 4 for 17.

A.T.C. CRICKET

The Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. were defeated by 18 runs when they visited Herne Bay A.T.C. last week.

Herne Bay knocked up 45 but in reply Thanet could muster only 27.

BOWLS

COUNCIL SIDE BEATEN

At the bowling green at Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground last week a team representing the Broadstairs police and staff defeated a side selected from regular users of the green by 60 shots to 45.

Council

Fright, Gilford, Pearson, Humphrey	13
Saunders, Noble, Gilham, Jeffery	15
Hodgson, Robinson, Ward, Price	17

Regulars

Shrubshall, Finch, Goodall, Vinten	13
Morgan, Woodward, Fagg, Pass	15
Carey, Broadbent, Elliott, Sizer	22

AT DANE PARK

In a keenly contested match Woolwich defeated Dane Park B.C. by 58 shots to 55.

Dane Park

C. J. Amos, G. Pyle, S. R. Ovenden	19
H. Foster, D. Amos, A. Hanney	13
Mrs. King, B. N. Wells, W. R. Rickon	23

Westbrook

F. Barnes, J. Hogben, R. Hyde	21
W. Cooper, Mrs. Pearmont, S. Coodenham	17
C. Colpus, C. Harris, H. Howard	20

In the second singles competition C. Arrow defeated E. A. Crowhurst 27-15 and H. Foster beat A. J. Rhodes 25-19. Both winners enter the semi-final.

In the second mixte R. Fowler defeated S. Brown and E. V. Marshall beat J. Hogben 22-12.

A CURE FOR GRUMBLING

Are you a grumbler? Aren't we all? Some are too short, too broad, too tall, Too thin, too delicate of skin, Too fat, too lean, too poor, too win. Some are too busy, some too tired. Some are neglected, some admired. So much that praises boredom brings And some don't mean the praise they sing. Some are too talkative, others mute, Mixing all pleasure with alloy. For no one else the grumbler likes. He seems to clothe himself in spikes. A cue for grumbling would, I think, Push back how many from the brink, And check the words they wish to say Were they but given time to weigh. If grumbling were thus doubly dear, Then grumbling would be more rare. And we live on quite grumble-free. Live on, and live delightfully.

WALTER K. LEWIS.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Lane.—15th August, at Howard Nursing Home, Maidstone, to Peggy (née Oger), wife of Cpl. Ronald Lane, R.A.F.V.R., a brother for Josephine (Colin William).

MARRIAGES

Darvell—West.—15th August, at St. Ethelbert's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. Father Bede, O.S.B., Frank Gordon Darvell to Barbara West, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Birch.—6th August, at 25 Montague-road, Ramsgate, Ann Harriet Birch